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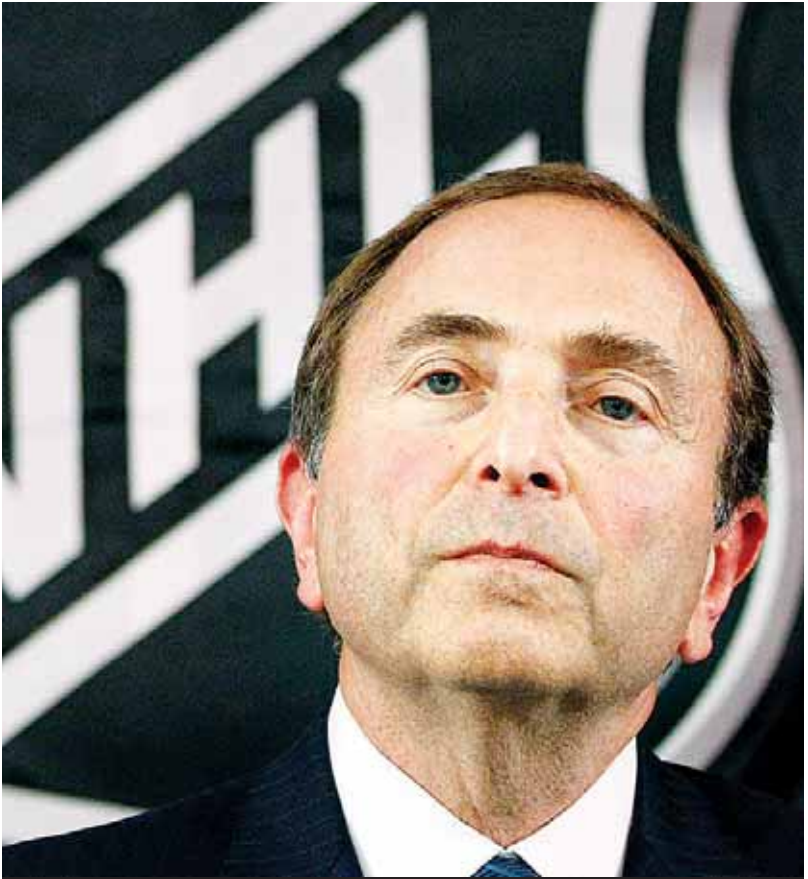
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Ruling to take child off life support upheld

Court. Two-year-old girl at centre of appeal was in cardiac arrest and slipped into coma

Alberta's top court has upheld a judge's ruling that a two-year-old child allegedly abused by her parents should be taken off life support. Minutes after the ruling Wednesday, a lawyer representing the child's mother said she plans to make a last-ditch request to the Supreme Court to intervene. But there may not be time. Alberta Court of Appeal Justice Frans Slatter said the parents, who are in custody awaiting trial, were to be es-

corted within 24 hours to the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton for one last visit with their daughter before she is taken off a ventilator. He ordered the parents, who cannot be named, to have separate visits lasting no more than 20 minutes each. They have been denied bail and are not allowed to have contact with each other. They are charged with aggravated assault, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and failing to provide the necessities of life — charges that could be upgraded if the girl dies. After the Appeal Court's ruling, April Kellett and Lydia Bubel, lawyers representing the mother and father, jointly asked for a stay of the decision so they could try to challenge

it before the Supreme Court. But after a few minutes of discussion, the panel of three judges dismissed the request. Slatter said there was no legal issue that merited overriding the best interests of the child. "There is nothing further the legal system can do," he said. Outside court, Kellett said she was going to arrange for another lawyer to appear on her behalf before the high court Thursday morning in Ottawa. Paramedics found the girl and her twin sister, both malnourished and suffering from injuries, in an Edmonton home May 25. Her sister is recovering. An older brother who was also found in the home but wasn't injured is now in foster care. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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PRE-SEASON GAMES AXED

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman listens as he meets with reporters in New York on Sept 13. On Wednesday, it was announced that pre-season games were being cancelled. More coverage, **page 44**. **MARY ALTAFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A full-body photograph of Lana Del Rey standing against a light blue background. She is wearing a long-sleeved, fuzzy pink sweater and matching pink pants. Her hair is styled in a high, voluminous bouffant. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. Her hands are clasped in front of her, and she has a small tattoo on her left wrist. She is wearing large, ornate earrings and a watch on her left wrist.

Lana Del Rey wears

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Waterfall. Taps could turn on

The Great Divide Waterfall could flow over the High Level Bridge again next year, coinciding with the structure's 100th anniversary.

City council's executive committee recommended Wednesday the \$735,000 project be considered in capital budget adjustment talks this fall.

That cost is for dechlorinating tap water, necessary in order to meet requirements of the Fisheries Act. There would also be an annual operating cost of \$40,000.

Turned on in 1980 by artist Peter Lewis to celebrate Alberta's 75th anniversary, the waterfall was turned off in 2009 due to environmental concerns.

Members of the Edmonton Arts Council advocated the use of river water to the committee, but need more time to gather information and research.

Councillors agreed to hear about the alternative option, though taking that route would add another year to the plans. "Maybe it won't work but I think it's worth revisiting, and perhaps it's something we could look at for the longer term," said Coun. Ben Henderson. "But we want to get this back up and running for next year."

Mayor Stephen Mandel said the public isn't interested in where the water comes from.

"They want to see a waterfall," he said. "They want to see it working."

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO



The Great Divide Waterfall

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The proposed downtown arena, the inside of which is seen in this conceptual image, seems to be up in the air at the moment due to disagreements between the City of Edmonton and the Katz Group. COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

City must 'wait and see' about arena

Invitation. Mayor's call for Katz or representative to appear in chambers now formal



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The downtown arena ball is now in the Katz Group's court, as Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel said Wednesday morning that a formal letter has been sent, inviting either Oilers owner Daryl Katz or a group representative to speak in public

at city council.

Mandel wants the group's position and desires clarified.

A request for an interview was not granted, but a spokesman for the Katz Group said via email that they were aware of Mandel's request.

The invitation to appear stems from comments Katz made about what transpired last week, when councillors said they were surprised to find out the Oilers are seeking, among other concessions, a \$6 million annual subsidy to offset arena operating costs.

Coun. Kerry Diotte said Katz should not only appear to discuss his latest

Deal-breakers

"When is a deal not a deal? And how long does that go on?"

Coun. Ben Henderson

demands, which "are completely out there," but also to prove financially that more public funds are needed.

He also believes that perhaps the agreement between the city and the Katz Group — which he didn't vote in favour of last October when it was announced — should be started from scratch.

"And don't buy the argu-

ment that starting from scratch would be a delay," said Diotte, noting things aren't moving ahead anyway.

"We have the land there," he added. "We have architects drawing up designs."

Coun. Ben Henderson said that for now, it's a matter of wait and see.

"I don't know under what conditions I'd be happy to open that back up," he said.

"We went a long way to get to that agreement, and there were already things that made me nervous."

"Am I prepared to move beyond that? Boy ... Beyond that I don't know what happens."

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Married couples**71%**

The percentage of families made up of married couples — with and without children — in the Edmonton region.

Families**316,575**

The number of families in the Edmonton census metropolitan area.

Failure to launch**6.6%**

Not-so-empty nest! 6.6 per cent of Edmonton households still have kids 25 or older living in the home.

Single parents — 15.9%**12.3%
MOTHERS****3.6%
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Stepfamilies are defined by Statistics Canada as couples living with one or more children where at least one child is the biological or adopted child of only one of the parents. This is the first time Statistics Canada has counted stepfamilies in a census.

Divorced**8.2%**

8.2 per cent of people in the Edmonton region are divorced — compared with 8 per cent in 2006.

Same-sex marriages on the rise in Edmonton: Census

Modern marriage. Number of couples in the city more than doubles, but the struggle isn't over

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The number of same-sex married couples in Edmonton more than doubled over the last five years, according to new numbers from Statistics Canada.

The numbers examining family structure were released as part of the 2011 census and show there are 2,315 same-sex couples compared to 1,060 in 2006.

Edmonton newlyweds Dana DiTomaso and Ashley Dryburgh got married in August.

DiTomaso, 37, said for the longest time she didn't think marriage would be an option.

"Those of us who grew up not thinking it was going to be a thing, to be able to get married is so important," she said. "This is a right that you have and you should take advantage of it."

Over the longer term however, DiTomaso said she suspects gay couples and

heterosexual ones will choose marriage over common law relationships, at the same rate.

Dryburgh said that while DiTomaso turned her around on the idea, she was never really the marrying type.

"As a political institution it was never something I was interested in," she said. "It was never something that I grew up wanting as a little girl, the white dress and my Prince Charming."

She said it is also important not to lose sight of other issues of discrimination, simply because marriage is legal.

"There are larger political issues that the queer community is still struggling with that have been overshadowed by the gay marriage debate."

National trend

Edmonton's same-sex marriages are part of a national trend: The census reported 21,015 married same-sex couples across the country, up from just 7,465 in 2006.

- Same-sex couples make up 0.9 per cent of Edmonton couples.
- The federal government legalized same-sex marriage in 2005.



Dana DiTomaso, left, and her wife Ashley Dryburgh were married just last month, and are part of a growing trend in same-sex coupledness that was revealed in recent census data. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



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Housing program. Hope grows at the Mustard Seed



Dennis Norbert said he can trust again thanks to the work of the Mustard Seed. Norbert just came from living in a small rooming house with "too much violence," he said. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Dennis Norbert said he feels like he won the lottery.

The 55 year-old former surveyor who lost his job years ago due to chronic physical and mental health problems, along with alcoholism, was without a home not long ago. Today, he calls a corner suite at the Westwood Manor home, thanks to the efforts of the Mustard Seed and its program offering permanent housing for Edmonton's homeless.

"The people here are my family now. I'm so grateful," said Norbert.

The opening of the 20-suite, fully-refurbished complex on 106 Street near the Yellowhead is the first of a few to come — 50 units in total are planned

in the city, with the aim of providing long-term support for the city's homeless. A full-time staffer provides a community room on-site at the apartments, allowing the single, adult residents to cook or socialize together.

"Homelessness isn't as simple as opening a door to an apartment," said the province's Minister of Human Services Dave Hancock.

"This is a place for community members to live in dignity and safety while they work to achieve their goals."

The Alberta government funded 70 per cent of the project, with key sponsors donating windows, landscaping and electrical. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Puck drops tonight on Oil Kings' season

Silver lining. WHL franchise hopes to draw fans as NHL lockout continues

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The Edmonton Oil Kings will kick off their season Thursday as the only game in town.

Western Hockey League commissioner Ron Robison was at West Edmonton Mall for a launch Wednesday and said the last NHL lockout brought fans to the game.

"We want hockey back at the NHL level as quick as possible as all fans do, but we saw a noticeable bump in attendance in our NHL markets."

Oil Kings GM Bob Green said he expects they will draw bigger crowds.

"I think we have hockey fans in this area that will be able to just focus on us, which is going to be good for us."

Oil King captain Griffin Reinhart, who was drafted by the New York Islanders,

Reigning champions

- The Oil Kings are the reigning WHL champions.
- Their season starts Thursday at 7 p.m. at Rexall Place versus the Kootenay Ice.
- The NHL announced a cancellation of pre-season games on Wednesday as the lockout continues.

said he is focused on the Oil Kings right now. Coming off of last year's championship, Reinhart said he hopes to repeat, but is going one game at a time.

Reinhart said he expects hockey-starved fans will come out to Oil Kings games, but not just because they are the only option.

"Last year we had great fans all year and this year I think there will be a little bit more, not just because of the lockout, but because we have proven that we are a really great team."



Oil Kings captain Griffin Reinhart speaks with reporters at a launch event at West Edmonton Mall on Wednesday. The Oil Kings face off against the Kootenay Ice Thursday night at Rexall Place. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Focus on hormone

U of A gene therapy approach could help treat obesity

Researchers have found a new way to use gene therapy to treat obesity, resulting in less weight gain and higher activity levels even on a high-fat, high-sugar lab model, the University of Alberta announced Wednesday.

According to a U of A release, the treatment by faculty of medicine and dentistry researcher Jason Dyck focused on increasing levels of adiponectin, a hormone secreted from fat cells.

This hormone is secreted less in people with larger fat cells than in people who are thin. METRO



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Catholic schools

Picket lines expand for striking Catholic support workers

The striking support staff of Edmonton's Catholic schools turned the intensity up a notch by adding a picket line at Archbishop O'Leary High School Wednesday.

"We need to get our message out to parents, the

public and elected officials," said union representative Daniel Burrell. "We're not being threatening — it's just an information picket."

Meanwhile, district spokesperson Lori Nagy said central office will continue to dispatch staff to school sites that ask.

"Things are in limbo. It's a difficult time for all of us — these workers are part of our family," she said.

No new talks are currently scheduled.

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Killer driver granted day parole

Decision. Daniel Tschetter will not be allowed to drive, consume alcohol or contact victims' family



JEREMY NOLAÏS
Metro in Calgary

Family members who gathered for a parole hearing on Wednesday say they are glad the

cement-truck driver convicted of killing their loved ones was not granted full release.

Instead, 55-year-old Cochrane resident Daniel Tschetter has been given permission to live in a halfway house next June, the Parole Board of Canada has ruled.

In December 2007, Tschetter's truck slammed into a car stopped at a red light in Calgary. Five people in the vehicle were killed and the impact of the crash scattered pieces of the car for hundreds of metres.

During his trial, the court heard that Tschetter got out of his truck after the collision and tossed a vodka bottle into the back.

On Wednesday, he continued to maintain he was not drunk at the time, a claim that frustrated Herb Grieder, who lost his 16-month-old nephew, Zachary Morrison.

"Something doesn't add up there," Grieder said after the hearing at Alberta's Bowden Institution. "I don't think he'll ever fully under-

stand the depth of his actions that evening."

Tschetter was reportedly fired from his prison job for bad behaviour. In one instance, he was caught driving a Bobcat despite being prohibited from doing so.

Zachary's father, Lee Morrison, was not at the hearing but issued a victim-impact statement at a previous parole hearing.

"The pain, hurt and sadness, on many days, brings me to my knees," he wrote.



Daniel Tschetter leaves Calgary court with his wife in 2009, after being found guilty of five counts of manslaughter for a crash in December 2007. He was granted day parole on Wednesday. JEFF MCINTOSH / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime. Alleged thief attempts escape from RCMP on truck, quad

A man who fled from police early Wednesday after a domestic-assault complaint has been arrested, Red Deer RCMP say.

RCMP were called to south Red Deer at about 6:50 a.m., and found a woman being dragged beside a moving vehicle before the driver pulled her into the truck.

Officers chased the truck, which was towing an alleged-

ly stolen utility trailer and quad, before it slowed down and the woman jumped from the moving vehicle.

RCMP continued to follow the truck until the driver then tried to flee on the quad.

The driver faces charges of dangerous driving, flight from police and four counts of stolen property.

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Chopper down. Two escape injury in fiery helicopter crash

Two people in southwestern Alberta are counting their blessings after a helicopter crash.

RCMP say the chopper went down on Wednesday near Pincher Creek after flying into a power line.

Police say the pilot and passenger walked away from the wreckage with no

injuries.

The downed power line sparked a fire in a farm field.

The Pincher Creek Fire Department put out the flames with the help of people from the area.

Transport Canada and the RCMP are investigating the collision.

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Grande Prairie

Garage fire deemed suspicious

RCMP have launched an investigation after a fire damaged two buildings on church property in Grande Prairie.

Police said they were called to 96 Street and 102 Avenue on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. to find a garage and shed on fire. The blaze caused significant damage to the structures, police said.

The church itself was not damaged and there are no reported injuries.

RCMP and Grande Prairie fire officials are treating the fire as suspicious, although it is still under investigation.

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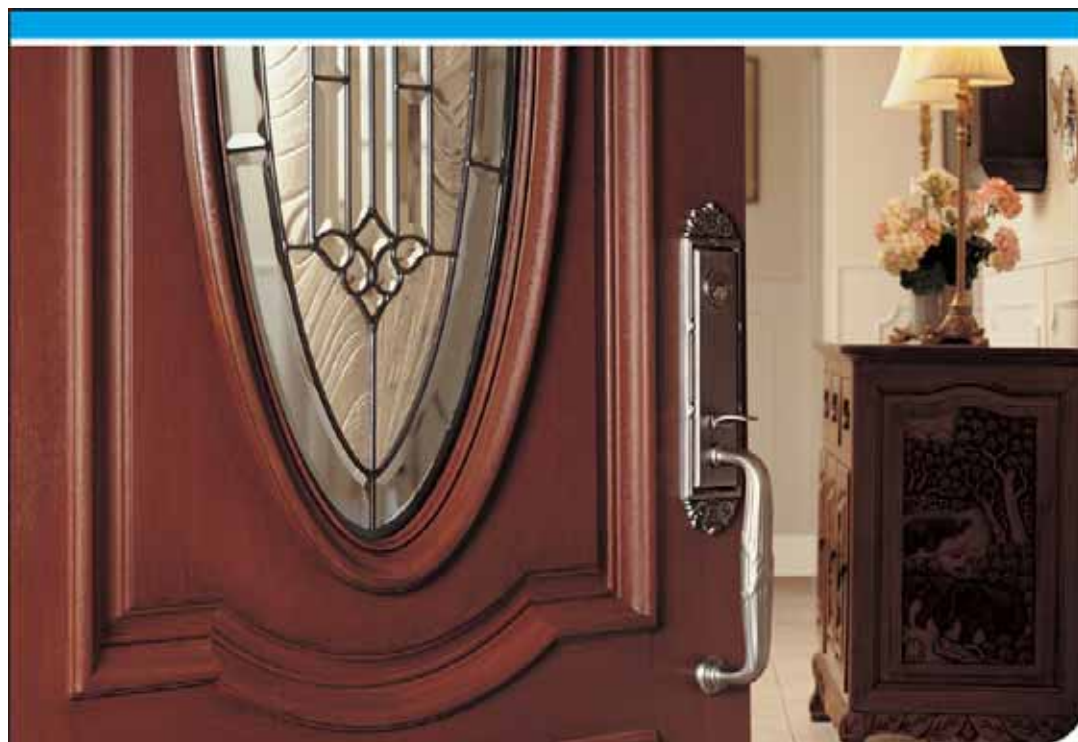
Pipeline research inadequate: Lawyer

Enbridge hasn't done enough research to properly estimate the environmental cost of its proposed \$6-billion Northern Gateway pipeline, a First Nations lawyer says.

Brenda Gartner, who represents several First Nations along the B.C. coast, is also accusing Enbridge of blocking marine planning that would have provided some of that information.

Enbridge official John Carruthers denied the company wanted to scuttle the marine-planning effort, but said Enbridge was concerned about where the funding would come from.

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Chinatown

Safety and security, shelter strategy labeled priorities

After consulting with five community leagues about what could improve livability in the southern part of Edmonton's Chinatown, city administration

presented the top strategies to council's executive committee on Wednesday.

Earlier this month, a total of 40 strategies were presented. Mayor Stephen Mandel said there were too many items on the list, and that it needed to be whittled down and focused through consultation with the McCauley, Boyle Street, Downtown, Central Mc-



Dougall and Queen Mary

Park community leagues.

The top five strategies, according to a city report, include an increased Edmonton Police Service presence, work to streamline the delivery of homeless services and agencies, a strategy for shelters including decentralizing and developing more 24/7 options, improving home quality through

both existing and future programs, and finally improving connectivity and visual design with regards to wayfinding, work at Mary Burlie Park, and connecting the area to downtown amenities such as the Art Gallery of Alberta, the future Royal Alberta Museum and potential entertainment and arena district.

"In essence, those are the priorities we are going to be moving forward on," said Stephane Labonne, director of Great Neighbourhoods.

Labonne noted some of the original 40 actions had to be re-prioritized, and that implementing the top ranked ones will be done by redirecting existing sources.

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World champion curlers help launch Humane Society drive

Adoption campaign.



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Kevin Martin and members of his world champion curling team were on hand Wednesday to help deliver over 2,000 kilograms of dog food to the Edmonton Humane Society to help launch a national fundraising campaign.

The campaign by Pedigree dog food will see about \$1 million raised for the 30 shelters involved over the last five years, as well as encourage people to adopt pets rather than buy them.

"I'm a farm kid and I grew up with dogs, so it means a great deal to myself to get the dogs forever homes.... That's what it's all about," Martin told media at the launch.

Society spokesperson
Shawna Randolph said that
the 2,000 kilograms of food
donated will help feed the
shelter dogs for one month

and would normally cost the shelter a few thousand dollars.

The shelter also receives a portion of proceeds from specially marked Pedigree dog food.

"That goes a long way to help us care for the homeless and abused animals that come through our doors," Randolph said.

"Adopt first ... it is always the best to save a life and make room for others, so we can bring in more animals."


The Pedigree Adoption Drive started Wednesday and runs to Dec. 31, aiming to raise \$5,000 for each of the 30 shelters involved, including EHS.

By the numbers

- The Edmonton Humane Society cares for about 13,000 animals a year.
- They have an average of 30 dogs up for adoption.
- The EHS needs about 500 volunteers a year to do everything from walk and play with animals to helping with fundraising.



John Morris, left, and Kevin Martin greet Chloe after kicking off the Pedigree Adoption Drive Wednesday at the Edmonton Humane Society.
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
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The top editor of a Danish celebrity weekly says his magazine will hit the streets this week with the topless photos of Britain's likely future queen.

Kim Henningsen, editor in chief of Se & Hoer, says the pictures of Prince William's wife Kate will appear in a 16-page supplement sold with Thursday's edition.

Henningsen said Wednesday they want to show Denmark's entertainment fans "what these photos are all about."

He says the magazine had been offered 240 pictures but decided only to use 60 to 70 of them. He declined to say who sold them to the weekly or how much money they paid.

The topless photos have already been widely published in France, Italy, Ireland and on the Internet. A French court has banned future publication inside France.

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Literature

Ephron books
to be reissued

Two of Nora Ephron's early essay collections are coming back into print.

Vintage Books announced Wednesday that Crazy Salad and Scribble, Scribble will be released in a single volume on Oct. 16. Both books, long out of print, will be reissued in paperback and e-books.

The author and filmmaker died in June at age 71. She is known for films such as When Harry Met Sally... and Sleepless in Seattle and for the bestselling book I Feel Bad About My Neck.

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Seal pups saved by B.C. nature centre's petition

Change of heart. Two six-month-old harp seal pups originally slated for death spared after DFO does 'a 360'



PHOEBE HO
For Metro

Everyone at B.C.'s Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (IWNCC) let out a collective sigh of relief on Tuesday when the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) announced they're sparing the lives of two six-month-old harp seal pups.

DFO has "done a 360 — they really have — and I have to tip my hat to them. It's really, really hard for a big bureaucracy to turn on a dime, as you probably know," says Jackie Ballerone, a director at IWNCC. "In two short weeks, they made a really good call here. It was really 11th-hour, but they did the right thing in the end."

Animal-rights activists from all across the world have been

Quoted

"You don't have to kill an animal and do a necropsy to find out if it's carrying a disease."

Jackie Ballerone, a director at the Wildlife Natural Care Centre

lobbying to save the lives of Zac and Mika, who were placed at the Aquarium des Îles-de-la-Madeleine in Quebec by the DFO, and who were initially slated for death on Sept. 15.

It's a practice that's been going on for 25 years, according to Ballerone. Every year, a pair of seals are captured, put on display and released back into the ocean when tourist season ends. But this year, due to new DFO policy, which argued that the pair posed a threat to other marine mammals, they ordered the aquarium to euthanize them.

The time and location of the release have not been set yet, and Ballerone says she's not sure whether or not it will be a public release.



One of two six-month-old harp seal pups scheduled to be euthanized on Sept. 15. The seals were saved at the 11th hour by a public outcry for the animals, including a petition with more than 140,000 signatures.

COURTESY OF ISLAND WILDLIFE NATURAL CARE CENTRE (IWNCC)

Giant bubble bursts into the record books



Participants look on as a giant bubble forms around them as they attempt to break a Guinness World Record at Science World in Vancouver on Wednesday.

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When Fan Yang gets his hands on soap water and a wand, the result isn't child's play.

This man's bubbles are ones for the record books.

The internationally renowned artist racked up his 18th Guinness World Record Wednesday by encapsulating 181 people in a giant 50-metre-long, four-metre-high soap bubble at Vancouver's Science World.

Screams of excitement followed gasps of astonishment from the volunteers as a giant bubble wall rose up and sur-

Bubbling over

Fan Yang says bubble solution can be made by mixing dishwasher liquid, baking soda and glycerin with clear water.

rounded the volunteers before bursting in spectacular fashion.

The display, guided by Yang's delicate hands at the control of a pulley system and six months of preparation,

only lasted a few seconds but was enough to land him yet another triumphant world record.

"It was a huge challenge. I'm very excited," said Yang. "This is such a huge bubble, really once in a lifetime. I had to prepare for six months because it's such a unique system."

Yang, whose family-run Gazillion Bubble Show has been a Broadway mainstay, says his feats evolved from a childhood obsession.

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Arctic sea ice shrinks to an all-time low

Dramatic changes.
Arctic could be essentially free of ice by the summer of 2050, scientists say

In a critical climate indicator showing an ever warming world, the amount of ice in the Arctic Ocean shrank to an all-time low this year, obliterating old records.

The ice cap at the North Pole measured 3.42 million sq. kilometres on Sunday. That's 18 per cent smaller than the previous record of 4.17 million sq. kilometres set in 2007, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo. Records go back to 1979 based on satellite tracking.

"On top of that, we're smashing a record that smashed a record," said data centre scientist Walt Meier. Sea ice shrank in 2007 to levels 22 per cent below the previous record of 2005.

Ice in the Arctic melts in summer and grows in winter, and it started growing again on Monday.

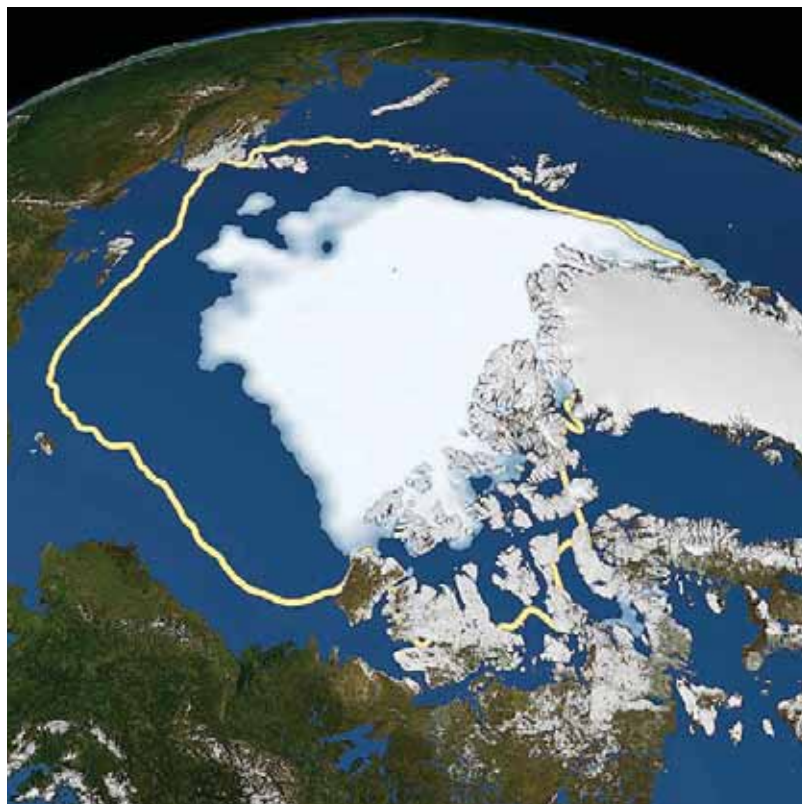
In the 1980s, Meier said, summer sea ice would cover an area slightly smaller than the mainland. U.S. Now it is about half that.

Man-made global warming has melted more sea ice and made it thinner over the last couple decades with it getting much more extreme this year, surprisingly so, said snow and ice data center director Mark Serreze.

"Recently the loss of summer ice has accelerated and the six lowest September ice extents have all been in the past six years," Serreze said.

"I think that's quite remarkable."

Serreze said except for one strong storm that contributed to the ice loss, this summer melt was more from the steady effects of day-to-day global



This image made available by NASA shows the amount of summer sea ice in the Arctic Sept. 16 at centre in white, and the 1979 to 2000 average extent for the day shown with the yellow line. Scientists say sea ice in the Arctic shrank to an all-time low of 3.42 million square kilometres. U.S. NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

warming. But he and others say the polar regions are where the globe first sees the signs of climate change.

"Arctic sea ice is one of the most sensitive of nature's thermometers," said Jason Box, an Ohio State University polar researcher. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Monitoring

- **Tackling climate change.** Ottawa is bolstering its ice monitoring and Arctic meteorological services, said Environment Minister Peter Kent. And it's why Canada is pushing for countries with large emission levels to join a global pact on climate change. we do believe we can slow (the pace of the melt)," Kent said.
- **Irreversible.** Darker ice-free waters and thinner patches of ice absorb more heat from the sun than the glistening, white sea ice. That accelerates global warming in a process that is next to impossible to reverse.
- **Dealing with the melt.** "If we do reduce (emissions),

Massive project

Feds tackle email accounts

A federal agency has launched the next phase of a massive project to consolidate hundreds of thousands of government email accounts under one umbrella.

The initiative will begin to herd some 640,000 email boxes, spread across hundreds of servers, in a bid to rationalize a balkanized system that's inefficient, costly and vulnerable to cyber attacks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Poker companies

Canadian pleads guilty in U.S. courtroom

A Canadian man who was the payment-processing director for two online-poker companies has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and gambling charges in the government's crackdown on the businesses.

The plea Wednesday by Nelson Burtnick, 41, came in federal court in Manhattan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Awarded. Myanmar's democracy leader honoured

U.S. lawmakers united by their respect of Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Wednesday presented her with Congress' highest civilian honour in a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, ahead of a meeting with President Barack Obama.

Suu Kyi described it as "one of the most moving days of my life."

She was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2008 while under a 15-year house arrest for her peaceful struggle

against military rule.

Her long-awaited visit to America finally provided an opportunity for her to receive the honour in person in Congress' most majestic setting, beneath the dome of the Capitol and ringed by marble statues of former presidents.

The 67-year-old Nobel laureate said it was worth the years of waiting, being honoured "in a house undivided, a house joined together to welcome a stranger from a distant land." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Democrats malign Romney for latest public-relations disaster

U.S. Election.

Republicans weary as Mitt Romney's string of summer blunders weakens his campaign

Republicans are in apparent panic mode in the wake of Mitt Romney's very bad summer, particularly over the latest firestorm engulfing his campaign after he was secretly filmed deriding almost half of Americans as government mooches.

Several Senate Republicans in tight battles against Democrats were quick to publicly distance themselves from Romney's four-month-old remarks that the 47 per cent of Americans who don't pay income tax are freeloaders who expect Uncle Sam to take care of them.

In fact, most of those 47 per cent don't make enough money to pay income tax or are seniors or military vet-



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney poses for pictures with supporters, before boarding his campaign charter plane at Love Field in Dallas, Wednesday. G.J. MCCARTHY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

erans on government assistance. They also pay payroll and other taxes.

Romney was attempting to explain to the \$50,000 US-a-plate fundraiser why a certain segment of Americans won't vote for him.

On the campaign trail on Wednesday, Romney once again took pains to explain himself.

"(Obama) really believes in what I'll call a government-centred society," he said in Atlanta, accusing Obama of

advocating the redistribution of wealth in America.

"I know there are some who believe that if you simply take from some and give to others, then we'll all be better off. It's known as redistribution. It's never been a

characteristic of America ... I believe the way to lift people, and help people have higher incomes, is not to take from some and give to others but to create wealth for all."

Nonetheless the silence was deafening on the Senate

Quoted

"He'll only worry about how the other half lives, I guess."

Senate majority leader Harry Reid
On how he assumes Mitt Romney is bent on leading only the wealthier half of the United States.

floor on Wednesday when Democrats malign Romney for his latest public relations disaster. Republican senators offered up no defence of their candidate for the White House.

"This week we learned that Mitt Romney only wants to be president of half of the United States," said Senate majority leader Harry Reid, a thorn in Romney's side ever since he alleged in the same chamber earlier this summer that the millionaire presidential hopeful didn't pay income tax for 10 years.

"He'll only worry about how the other half lives, I guess."

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Photo op: Mars Curiosity rover wows earthlings

On Mars, a partial eclipse of the sun isn't quite as rare as on Earth. So NASA's Mars Curiosity rover is snapping hundreds of pictures of the spectacle for the folks back home to ooh and aah over.

Two moons zip around the red planet and they're closer and faster than our lumbering moon, so eclipses are more common. Scientists

say there's even somewhat of an eclipse season on Mars, and it's that time of year when those Martian moons take turns taking bites of the sun.

Curiosity turned its cameras skyward to watch the action in three different eclipses, starting last week and continuing Wednesday, when a moon partially slipped between Mars and the sun.

The rover has been beaming back a stream of photos of the Martian landscape since landing near the equator last month.

Texas A&M University scientist Mark Lemmon said the eclipse pictures will help scientists track the fate of the larger Martian moon, Phobos, which is slowing down in its orbit around Mars. In 10

to 15 million years, Phobos will get so close to Mars it will break up and crash into the planet.

These moons aren't mere curiosity factors. They get so close to Mars that "they change Mars' shape ever so slightly" with their pull, Lemmon said.

Past rovers have taken pictures of solar eclipses from

Mars, but not with such good cameras that take high resolution photos and so many shots that it produces a movie of sorts, Lemmon said.

And now that Curiosity has gazed skyward, it's time for the Mini Cooper-sized spacecraft to focus on the ground. On Friday, Curiosity will test its first rock with a laser and other chemical testing kits on

the end of its robotic arm.

Its first target is a pyramid-shaped dark rock, about 10 inches tall and 16 inches wide at the base. Two of the arm's chemical-sniffing devices will snuggle up against the rock — named for Jake Matijevic, a Mars rover engineer who died recently — so scientists can figure out what it is made of.

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Waves of refugees crowd South Sudan

Tens of thousands of people have already swarmed to a refugee camp in South Sudan and community chiefs expect a new wave to soon begin the trek from Sudan's war-torn Nuba Mountains, setting up what humanitarian workers warn could become a catastrophe.

As many as 15,000 more refugees could stream across the border from Sudan by the end of the year, straining a camp that has been hit by malaria and diarrhea, with many people arriving malnourished, said the UN refugee agency UNHCR.

"We are already stretched to the breaking point here, and any surge or increase in the population will make it nearly impossible to cope with the situation," UNHCR's Kathryn Mahoney told The Associated Press.

Yida sits near the northern tip of South Sudan's Unity State near the border with Sudan. It is a remote region in one of the world's least developed countries. Recent rains have made roads impassable,



A child lies with his mother while resting at a Doctors Without Borders feeding centre in South Sudan last week.
MACKENZIE KNOWLES-COURSIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and the World Food Program has been forced to drop food from the sky to meet the camps' needs. For the past week, large Ilyushin jets have screamed over the camp, dropping 64 metric tons each day from a height of 200 metres (yards). The cheers

of refugees — and some aid workers — watching the spectacle accompany each drop.

The population of Yida rose since February from 17,000 to 65,000 by September. From mid-June through mid-July, around 1,000 new arrivals came each day, along

with a rash of death and disease that one Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) official described as "five weeks of hell." According to MSF, around two people per every 10,000 in the camp were dying each day.

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She's rollin' in Golan

An Israeli female soldier sits on top of an armoured personnel carrier Wednesday during a military exercise in the Israeli-controlled part of the Golan Heights, captured from neighbouring Syria in the 1967 war.

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Middle East

Israel warns Iran on nuclear threats

A senior Israeli official warned Iran Wednesday to stop its "direct and blunt threats" against his country, telling a 155-nation nuclear conference the Jewish state is ready to defend itself against any nation that menaces its existence. Israeli nuclear chief Shaul Chorev avoided any suggestion that his country was contemplating a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities — a scenario that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is suggesting may be necessary to stop what he says is Tehran's path toward atomic arms.

Still, Chorev's hard-edged comments to the International Atomic Energy Agency's annual general conference were another reminder of the enmity between the archrivals that have led to highly charged tensions the United States and others fear may spiral into armed conflict.

Iran denies any interest in owning nuclear weapons. It says it is enriching uranium solely to make reactor fuel and for medical research.

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Asia

Japan wavers on nuclear power phase-out

Japan's cabinet stopped short of a commitment Wednesday to phase out nuclear power by 2040, backtracking from an advisory panel's recommendation in the face of opposition from pro-nuclear businesses and groups. The decision came on the same day that Japan launched a new nuclear regulatory body to replace an agency whose links to the nuclear industry reportedly contributed to last year's disaster at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

While not endorsing last week's advisory panel report, the cabinet did vaguely agree to pursue its goals. The panel, acknowledging public aversion to nuclear power since the Fukushima accident, urged that it be phased out within three decades through greater reliance on renewable energy, more conservation and sustainable use of fossil fuels.

The cabinet said it would only take the policy report "into consideration" and would seek public support for its recommendations.

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Protesters show rage over prison abuse video

Culprits to be punished. Video showing prisoners being raped with police truncheons and broom handles spark street protests

Videos showing the abuse of prisoners in Georgia have sparked street protests and an exchange of harsh accusations between the government and the opposition ahead of parliamentary elections.

Hundreds of protesters blocked traffic in the centre of the capital, Tbilisi, in the overnight hours after two television stations aired graphic videos Tuesday of guards abusing prisoners, including the footage in which prisoners are raped with police truncheons and broom handles.

President Mikhail Saakashvili, whose party is facing a tough opposition challenge in the Oct. 1 parliamentary elections, quickly pledged to punish all the culprits and completely reshuffle prison per-

High-level outrage

"Everyone who has masterminded it, everyone who has perpetrated it, everyone who has done it and allowed it to happen deserves the strictest — I repeat, the strictest — punishment."

Mikhail Saakashvili, president of Georgia

sonnel.

A cabinet minister in charge of the country's penitentiary system stepped down, and prosecutors said they arrested 12 prison officials in the case.

The president discussed the incident with government officials, saying that hundreds of prison guards in all Georgian prisons would be temporarily suspended pending an official probe and immediately replaced by police.

He said the nation's penitentiaries have suffered a "systemic failure."

Officials blamed Saakashvili's foes for the videos. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Space shuttle Endeavour heads for retirement in L.A.

Joey Morrison adjusts his space helmet after watching the shuttle aircraft carrier, a modified 747, with space shuttle Endeavour atop, land Wednesday in Houston. Endeavour is off to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, where it will be permanently displayed. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Romanian bear attacks

Two men killed, others injured in separate attacks

A man was killed by a bear in the woods outside a Romanian village, the second fatal bear attack in the area. A rescue official said the latest victim, a man, 64, was found dead on Wednesday, 100 km northwest of Bucharest. A man, 71, was found dead Saturday, and two people were injured after being attacked the same day.

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L.A. murder trial

Chef boiled his dead wife's body for four days

A chef on trial for his wife's murder told sheriff's investigators that they couldn't find his wife's body because he had cooked it for four days in boiling water until little was left but her skull. Los Angeles Superior Court jurors on Tuesday heard David Viens make the statements in a taped interview. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Anti-Semitic attack

Bomb explodes at kosher grocery in Paris suburb

A small package bomb exploded inside a kosher grocery store in a Paris suburb Wednesday, wounding at least one person, according to an agency that tracks anti-Semitic attacks in France. The reason for the attack was unclear, but it rattled nerves amid global tensions surrounding a U.S.-produced film insulting to Islam. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Buckingham, Quebec

Man charged in gas theft and fire

A lighter is not a good substitute for a flashlight when dealing with gasoline

Gatineau police arrested Pierre-Luc Bastien-Thériault, 20, on charges of arson, mischief over \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000 in connection with a nearly fatal Aug. 27 blaze that destroyed four cars and damaged two others at a car dealership in Buckingham, Que. **METRO IN OTTAWA**



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Mirjana Markovic, wife of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, arrives to visit Milosevic in prison in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2001. Milosevic died in 2006 while on trial at a UN war crimes tribunal. DARKO VOJNOVIC/THE ASSOCIATE PRESS FILE

Milosevic's widow, son welcome to return, Serbia says

Exiles. Autocrat's family who took refuge in Russia encouraged to come home now that his party is back in power

Slobodan Milosevic's widow and son should return from their exile in Russia now that the late autocrat's allies have returned to power in the Balkan country, a senior Serbian official said Wednesday.

Milosevic's widow, Mirjana Markovic, and son Marko Milosevic fled to Russia after Serbia's wartime leader was ousted in 2000. They have been granted refugee status there, despite warrants for their arrest issued by the former pro-Western Serbian government, which was defeated by nationalists in elections in May.

Both Markovic — who was an influential leftist official during Milosevic's reign — and Marko Milosevic are still officially wanted by Belgrade for alleged cigarette smuggling worth millions of dollars dur-

ing international sanctions imposed on Serbia during the '90s. Although he did not say whether the charges will be dropped, Serbia's government minister Milutin Mrkonjic said he hoped they would "finally" return.

"I hope we'll now finally finish that job," Mrkonjic, of Milosevic-founded Socialist Party, told Belgrade's B-92 radio. "They believe they are not responsible on the charges they have faced in Serbia."

The Kremlin is a close ally of the ruling Serb nationalists.

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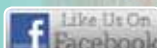
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Cheeky Charlie spooks France

Nation on alert. Mag's crude, lewd drawings of Prophet Muhammad force French to step up security at embassies across Muslim world

A feisty French satirical weekly forced France to step up security at its embassies across the Muslim world on Wednesday.

The paper, Charlie Hebdo, brazenly revived a formula it has already used to capture attention: Publishing crude, lewd caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Wednesday's issue sparked concerns that France could face violent protests, like the ones targeting the U.S. over a film produced in California, that have left at least 30 people dead.

The Charlie Hebdo drawings — some depicted Muhammad naked and in demeaning or pornographic poses — were met with a swift rebuke by the French government.

The principle of freedom of expression "must not be



Pakistan embroiled in worldwide anti-Islam film protests: A Pakistani lawyer helps a colleague who fell during a scuffle with police at a demonstration in a diplomatic enclave, an area that houses the U.S. Embassy and other foreign missions, in Islamabad on Wednesday. ANJUM NAVEED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

infringed," Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said on French radio.

But he added: "Is it pertinent, intelligent, in this context to pour oil on the fire?"

The answer is no."

France ordered its embassies, cultural centres, schools and other official sites to close on Friday — the Muslim holy day — in 20 countries.

It also immediately shut down its embassy and the French school in Tunisia, the site of deadly protests at the U.S. Embassy last week.

Riot police took up pos-

itions outside the magazine's offices, which were firebombed last year after it released an edition that mocked radical Islam.

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Actress sues

First, riots... and now a lawsuit

An actress who appears in the anti-Muslim film that has sparked riots across the world is suing the filmmaker for fraud and slander.

Cindy Lee Garcia's lawsuit also targets Google in a bid to get the movie's trailer removed online.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Los Angeles claims the actress was duped by Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the man behind Innocence of Muslims who has been forced into hiding.

The lawsuit says Garcia responded to an ad and thought she was appearing in an ancient Egyptian adventure film.

"The film is vile and reprehensible," Garcia's attorney, M. Cris Armenta, wrote in the document.

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Three states may legalize marijuana

Tax revenues a key selling point. How feds — who consider pot illegal — will react is anyone's guess

A catchy pro-marijuana jingle for Colorado voters considering legalizing the drug goes like this: "Jobs for our people. Money for schools. Who could ask for more?"

It's a bit more complicated than that in the three U.S. states — Colorado, Oregon and Washington — that could become the first to legalize marijuana this year.

The debate over how much tax money that could produce is playing an outsized role in campaigns both for and against legalization.

Looming above that issue is how the federal government will respond, since it considers the drug illegal.

Pro-pot campaigners say legalizing marijuana could help struggling states with new taxes on the drug and reduced criminal justice



A caregiver picks out a marijuana bud for a patient at a legal medical marijuana dispensary in Denver, Colo. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

costs. But state government skeptics warn legalization would lead to costly legal battles and expensive new bureaucracies to regulate the drug.

The biggest unknown: Would the federal government allow legal marijuana?

When California voters considered marijuana legal-

ization in 2010, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder warned that the federal government would not allow a state marijuana market in defiance of federal drug law. Holder vowed a month before the election to "vigorously enforce" federal marijuana prohibition. Voters rejected the measure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Soldier thrown away 'like a tissue paper,' panel told

Dramatic testimony. No one checked up on suicidal Afghan veteran, his buddy tells military commission

A former soldier says the military failed to keep a close enough eye on a suicidal Afghan vet the day he killed himself in Edmonton.

Kirk Lackie testified Wednesday at the Military Police Complaints Commission inquiry into Cpl. Stuart Langridge's death.

The inquiry was called following complaints from Langridge's family that the investigations into his suicide were botched. "The

truth has not been told," Lackie said at the close of an emotional testimony.

Lackie said everyone on the base knew about Langridge's struggles with addiction, but dismissed them.

"There's a saying: The army uses you like a tissue paper," Lackie said.

"As soon as they're finished with you, like a tissue paper they throw you away."

"And Stu was, to them, a really dirty tissue paper."

"They threw him away, but they just didn't want to throw him away, they wanted to scoop him under the carpet."

Langridge was found hanging at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton in March 2008.

Lackie was released from the military in 2010.

Over those years, he testified, he tried to tell military personnel what happened the day of Langridge's death but no one ever contacted him. He was finally interviewed last week.

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Veteran Kirk Lackie testifies Wednesday. The Crown opposed his appearance on the stand because of a series of run-ins with the law.

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Quoted

"I want Stu's ma and everybody to know the truth."

Kirk Lackie, testifying in Ottawa on Wednesday.

Scholars in a tizzy. Did Jesus have a wife ... or maybe a female disciple?

Was Jesus Christ married? Is a scrap of papyrus suggesting he had a wife authentic?

The questions were talking points among scholars — not to mention ordinary folk — on Wednesday.

Scholars questioned the authenticity and significance of a discovery by a Harvard scholar who reported that a fourth-century fragment of papyrus provided the first evidence that some early Christians believed Jesus was married.

Karen King, a professor at Harvard Divinity School, announced the finding Tuesday at an international congress on Coptic studies in Rome.

Is it a forgery?

The fragment of papyrus is tiny, measuring four centimetres by eight centimetres, about the size of a small cellphone.

- **Named.** The text, written in Coptic, contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identifies as Mary.

Coptic linguist Wolf-Peter Funk said there were "thousands of scraps of papyrus where you find crazy things."

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Bliss in Berkeley

A landmark day for bisexuals

Berkeley, Calif., has become what is thought to be the first U.S. city to officially proclaim a day recognizing bisexuals.

The city council unanimously declared Sept. 23 as

Bisexual Pride and Bi Visibility Day.

Since 1999, bisexuals have claimed the date, and bisexual-pride events are held in Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago and other cities.

But Berkeley is believed to be the first city that has taken the step of formally acknowledging the day.

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Quebec independence top issue for PQ

Sovereignist stripes.
Minister responsible for making Quebec more independent appointed

The newly installed Parti Québécois government wasted no time showing its sovereignist stripes by appointing, on its first day in office, a minister responsible for advancing the cause of Quebec independ-

ence.

A unique new portfolio of minister for "sovereignist government" was among the cabinet titles handed out as Premier Pauline Marois took office and introduced her ministry Wednesday.

The man with that title has a doctorate in constitutional law and knows the rest of Canada far better than most Pequistes: 35-year-old Alexandre Cloutier worked as a

Quoted

"Remaining a province of Canada has become an unacceptable risk."

Pauline Marois, Quebec premier

clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada and lectured at the University of Ottawa, in addition to studying at Cambridge University in the U.K.

The party has promised to introduce policies that could butt up against Canadian constitutional law, confront the federal government for a transfer of powers, and use each case as evidence of how Quebec would be better off on its own. "It is imperative to advance with force our interests, to promote our identity — not as a province but as a nation," said Marois Wednesday.

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Quebec Premier Pauline Marois after being sworn in on Wednesday.
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Election-night shooting. Accused gunman speaks out from jail hospital

The accused killer who allegedly ruined the Parti Québécois election-night celebration is speaking out from his jailhouse — just as the new government is being sworn in.

Montreal radio station CJAD reported that Richard Henry Bain phoned its newsroom from his prison infirmary on Wednesday to say that he believes the city should separate from the province.

It says they interviewed him for half an hour, but chose to only run a brief snippet.

In a clip that aired, Bain is heard sharing his view that Montreal should separate from the rest of Quebec

because, in his opinion, that might help ensure greater peace between anglophones and francophones.

"My vision is that the island of Montreal separate to become its own province," Bain said.

The radio station says Bain placed the call without his lawyer's knowledge.

The businessman faces a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the shooting that took place only metres from where the PQ premier-designate Pauline Marois was giving her victory speech.

One man was killed and another was wounded.

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End of an era

Outgoing Quebec Premier Jean Charest waves goodbye as he leaves the lieutenant-governor's office Wednesday at the legislature in Quebec City after almost 10 years in office. New premier Pauline Marois was sworn in later in the afternoon. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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U.S. pressured to set standards for arsenic in rice

Consumer Reports.

FDA released 200 samples of rice products containing inorganic arsenic after a magazine released its own report

Consumer groups are pressuring the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to set federal guidance on allowable levels of arsenic in rice, prompting the agency to consider possible new standards.

So far, FDA officials say they have found no evidence that suggests rice is unsafe to eat. The agency is studying 1,200 samples of grocery-store rice products — short and long-grain rice, cereals, drinks and even rice cakes — to measure arsenic levels.

Arsenic is naturally present in water, air, food and soil in



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two forms, organic and inorganic. According to the FDA, organic arsenic passes through the body quickly and is essentially harmless. Inorganic arsenic — the type found in some pesticides and insecticides — can be toxic and may pose a cancer risk if consumed at high

levels or over a long period.

The agency on Wednesday released 200 of the expected 1,200 samples after the magazine Consumer Reports released its own study and called for federal standards for arsenic in rice. The FDA will not complete its study until the end of the year, FDA commissioner Margaret Hamburg said.

"Our advice right now is that consumers should continue to eat a balanced diet that includes a wide variety of grains — not only for good nutrition but also to minimize any potential consequences from consuming any one particular food," she said.

The FDA's analysis showed average levels of 3.5 to 6.7 micrograms of inorganic arsenic per serving, while Consumer Reports found levels up to 8.7 micrograms. The FDA released 200 samples, while Consumer Reports tested 223.

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Olympians honoured on Parliament Hill

Rosie MacLennan — who won gold in trampoline during the London Olympics — is presented the Diamond Jubilee medal by Prime Minister Stephen Harper during a ceremony for Olympians and Paralympians on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Satanic Verses

Rushdie dismisses new death threat

Salman Rushdie is dismissing the latest threat against his life as just talk.

"This was essentially one priest in Iran looking for a headline," the author of *The Satanic Verses* said Tuesday. In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini declared Rushdie's novel was blasphemous and called for his death.

After recent protests against an anti-Islamic film that helped lead to riots around the Middle East, Ayatollah Hassan Sane'i raised the bounty to \$3.3 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Border breach?

Palestinians arrested in B.C.

Canada Border Services officials are travelling to Kamloops, B.C., to speak to four people after a possible security breach at the Canada/U.S. border south of Vancouver. Kamloops RCMP say two Palestinian men were arrested early Tuesday evening on the outskirts of the southern interior city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Families

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Canada was home to 9,389,700 "census families" — married or common-law couples, or single parents — in 2011, 5.5 per cent more than in 2006.

Common-law couples

16.7%

For the first time, there were more common-law couples in Canada — 16.7 per cent of all census families — than single-parent families, at 16.3 per cent.

Same-sex couples

42.4%

Same-sex marriage nearly tripled as same-sex couples grew by 42.4 per cent. Same-sex common-law couples grew 15 per cent, compared with 13.8 per cent for opposite-sex common-law couples.

Single parents

8%

Single fathers grew by 16.2 per cent, compared with six per cent for single mothers, as lone-parent families grew eight per cent since 2006. Single mothers still constitute 80 per cent of single-parent families.

Stepfamilies

12.6%

Stepfamilies, counted for the first time in 2011, comprised 12.6 per cent of Canada's 3.7 million couples with children. Nearly 60 per cent were "simple" stepfamilies: families in which the children are the biological or adopted offspring of only one parent.

Foster children

29.5K

The census counted 29,590 foster children aged 14 and under living in private households.

Empty nesters

44.5%

The number of couples without children at home (44.5 per cent) continued to outpace those couples with kids living at home (39.2 per cent).

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From same-sex couples and single dads to foster kids and empty nesters, the "new normal" of the Canadian family is as diverse as the country itself, Statistics Canada reports. THE CANADIAN PRESS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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2011 census. There's no such thing as a 'typical' Canadian family, a new report from Statistics Canada shows

The nuclear family is no longer the norm in Canada.

The mom-pop-and-three-kids-under-one-roof model that typified Canadian households of 50 years ago has morphed into a complex and diverse web of family ties involving living alone, remarriage, stepchildren, empty nesters and several generations sharing a home.

Statistics Canada has re-

leased the third tranche of new data from its 2011 census, this time portraying the changes in Canadian families and living arrangements over five decades.

Married couples are in a long-term decline, the number of single parents has risen and the size of families has shrunk. In 1961, the average family was 3.9 people, when the baby boom was in full swing. Now it's 2.9.

"We do see more complexity and definitely more diversity in families," Statistics Canada demographer Anne Milan said.

For the first time, Statistics Canada says there are more people living alone in Canada than there are couples with children. One-person households now

make up 27.6 per cent of all homes, a three-fold increase since 1961.

Meanwhile, couples with children have continued their decline, down to 26.5 per cent of all households, from 28.5 per cent in 2006.

Just 10 years ago, couples with children under 24 years old made up 43.6 per cent of all families (not including one-person households), by far the most typical kind of family.

Now, parents with children make up just 39.2 per cent of families, and a rising proportion of those parents are not officially married.

For the first time, Statistics Canada zeroed in on children living in foster homes and blended families. In a national count of fos-

ter children, the agency revealed there were 29,590 of them under the age of 14 in 2011. A measure of the number of stepfamilies showed that one in 10 children now lives in some sort of blended family.

In 2011, the most typical family was a couple with no children, continuing a pattern spotted in 2006. Statistics Canada found that 44.5 per cent of families have no kids at home, partly reflecting the aging of the baby-boomer bulge, the leading edge of which has started turning 65.

"The modern family is changing, and I think it's a wonderful thing," said Shannon Kennedy, an Ottawa-based wedding planner who finds herself on the front

lines of fluctuating living arrangements on a daily basis.

"The rules of a nuclear family just don't apply any more."

The wide variety of family ties is throwing Kennedy for a loop. Emily Post, the guru of etiquette for most of the 20th century, is no longer of much help, she said.

"You don't necessarily have two families. In some cases, you have four families coming together at a wedding."

"Any scenario where you get more than one mom involved, you have to kind of juggle that," she said with a chuckle.

"The best thing about modern weddings is, there are no rules."

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FAMILY

FAMILIES BY PROVINCE

| | CENSUS FAMILIES | % MARRIED | % COMMON LAW | % LONE PARENT | Avg. # KIDS AT HOME | % PEOPLE LIVING ALONE |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CANADA | 9,389,700 | 67.0 | 16.7 | 16.3 | 1.8 | 27.6 |
| N.L. | 159,385 | 71.7 | 12.9 | 15.3 | 1.6 | 22.2 |
| P.E.I. | 40,850 | 72.7 | 11.2 | 16.1 | 1.7 | 25.1 |
| N.S. | 270,065 | 68.5 | 14.3 | 17.3 | 1.7 | 27.9 |
| N.B. | 224,590 | 67.9 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 1.6 | 26.0 |
| QUE. | 2,203,630 | 51.5 | 31.5 | 16.6 | 1.7 | 32.2 |
| ONT. | 3,612,205 | 72.3 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 1.8 | 25.2 |
| MAN. | 327,875 | 71.0 | 11.9 | 17.1 | 1.9 | 28.2 |
| SASK. | 285,370 | 71.1 | 12.5 | 16.4 | 1.9 | 27.9 |
| ALTA. | 999,530 | 72.0 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 1.8 | 24.7 |
| B.C. | 1,238,155 | 71.7 | 13.0 | 15.3 | 1.7 | 28.3 |
| YUKON | 9,330 | 54.4 | 25.1 | 20.5 | 1.7 | 30.7 |
| N.W.T. | 10,930 | 36.0 | 28.7 | 35.3 | 1.9 | 23.6 |
| NUNAVUT | 7,780 | 39.1 | 32.7 | 28.2 | 2.3 | 18.2 |

New census data from Statistics Canada prove there is no such thing as a "generic" Canadian family. The numbers have significant implications for policy makers and social scientists who design programs for foster children, stepkids, single mothers and fathers, senior citizens living alone, "boomerang kids" living with their parents and all the other variations of modern family life. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Adulthood, interrupted: 'Boomerang kids' are an ongoing trend: Census

It's the home-game grudge match of the 21st century: The baby boomers versus the boomerang kids. And the kids, it seems, are winning.

Canada's nests aren't quite as empty as they were thought to be, data from the 2011 census shows. Some 42.3 per cent of young adults aged 20 to 29 are living with their parents, down slightly from 42.5 per cent in 2006, but still well above the level of 26.9 per cent in 1981.

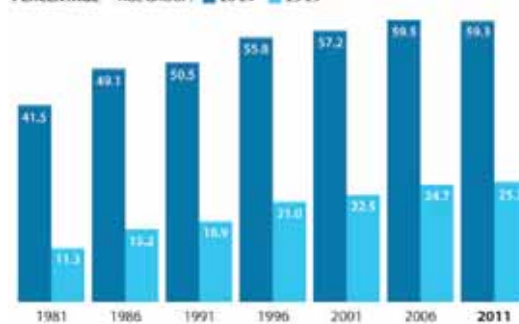
Christina Newberry was one of them — twice. First, when she was 21, newly graduated from university and trying to find her way in the world. Then again, eight years later, she went back to get her bearings in the midst of a divorce.

"My parents' house became a place to sort of take a chance to regroup and figure out what was next," said Newberry, a Vancouver-based author and freelance writer. "It wasn't even a financial issue, because by then I had a good job and could take care of my own bills. It was more just needing to figure out what to do next."

While many young adults

YOUNG ADULTS LIVING WITH PARENTS

PERCENTAGE AGE GROUP: 20-24 25-29



More young adults are sticking close to the nest. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

in their early 20s stay at home while in college or university — mainly due to a lack of money — those closer to 30 who opt to return tend to do so after a traumatic moment in their lives, such as the breakup of a relationship or the loss of a job, Newberry said. They usually stay just long enough to get back on their feet.

Social attitudes toward young adults living with their parents are changing dramatically, said Rod Beaujot, a demography professor at the University of

Western Ontario in London.

"There's the greater acceptability of living with parents when you're older — on the part of the parents, on the part of young people," Beaujot said.

"In the past, living at home was quite constraining on children, because they had to live under their parents' supervision. I think parents are much more open to children having their own life, including, of course, their own love lives, even if they're living at home."

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Full house

The "failure-to-launch" phenomenon is alive and well in Canada, the 2011 census suggests.

- The census found 25.2 per cent of young adults between the ages of 25 and 29 living at home in 2011, up slightly from 24.7 per cent in 2006 — and more than twice the percentage in 1981.
- The number of young adults between the ages of 20 and 24 who lived with their parents remained virtually unchanged from the last census — down to 59.3 per cent in 2011 from 59.5 per cent in 2006.
- Young men are more likely than young women to live at home, Statistics Canada said. One possible reason, the agency suggested, could be because women tend to get into relationships earlier than men, so they move out sooner to start their own households.

Same-sex marriage. More gay couples exchanging wedding vows

Seven years after Ottawa gave its blessing to same-sex marriage, it's clear Canada's gay and lesbian couples have been seizing the wedding day.

Same-sex marriage nearly tripled between 2006 and 2011, while the number of same-sex couples jumped 42.4 per cent during the same five-year period, Statistics Canada says.

The agency counted 21,015 married gay and lesbian couples and another 43,560 in common-law relationships. The number is a sizable jump from the 2006 census, which counted same-sex couples for the first time and enumerated 45,350 of them — 7,465 married and 37,885 common-law.

Wider societal acceptance has likely played a role in the rising numbers, said demographer Rod Beaujot of the University of Western Ontario in London.

"It's become more acceptable for people to declare their relationships, including on the census," Beaujot said.

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Data glitch

Oops — just friends

An unexpectedly high number of same-sex marriages in places like the oilpatch left census-takers scratching their heads — until they realized many of the "couples" were only splitting the rent.

As a result, Statistics Canada said Wednesday, the agency may have overestimated by as many as 4,500 the number of same-sex married couples in parts of the country.

The agency held back some census data on gay and lesbian married couples when they realized they couldn't be certain if some people were married or just roommates.

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Flying solo. Lone-parent families on rise, with more dads raising kids alone

More Canadians than ever — many of them fathers — are confronting the plight of the single parent in an age of economic uncertainty, the new census suggests.

The number of single parents jumped eight per cent between 2006 and 2011, including a 16 per cent spike in the number of single dads. Single mothers, who still constitute about 80 per cent of all single-

parent families in Canada, rose by six per cent.

Lone-parent families represented 16.3 per cent of all census families in 2011, nearly twice the percentage 50 years ago. In 1961, roughly two-thirds of lone parents were widowed, and the rest were divorced or separated, with a small percentage never having been married. Now, half are either divorced or separated. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

LONE-PARENT FAMILIES

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of lone-parent families, according to 2011 census data:



Going it alone, from coast to coast. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A FUN RUN AFTER DARK

HELP RAISE MONEY, AWARENESS AT SIGHT NIGHT

See what it would be like to run with a visual impairment on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Don your headlamp and help raise money and awareness for the Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind (ASRAB), by running or walking during sight night, a fun run after dark.

"Join us and run at dark to give you a slight feeling of what it is like to have a visual impairment," says Dean Kozak, chair of sight night Edmonton and board member, north region director for ASRAB.

By organizing sight night, Kozak hopes the money and awareness raised

will help create more programs and opportunities for ASRAB members in Edmonton.

For the blind and visually impaired, navigating in the dark is not unusual, but for hundreds of others taking part in sight night, it will be a whole new experience.

Those taking part in the fun run can choose to run a five-kilometre or eight-kilometre, or walk a three-kilometre.

Sight night will kick off at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, where participants will receive their high quality headlamp lead them along the North Saskatchewan River Pathway.

Sighted runners will be sharing the path with visually impaired and blind runners (with guides).

Along the route there will be on-course marshals and people to cheer runners on along the way.

This year, participants can join Mayor Stephen Mandel and multiple summer and winter Paralympic gold medalist Viviane Forest.

Kozak, organizer of sight night Edmonton, credits his athletic achievements at the Paralympics in Goalball to the coaches at ASRAB.

Through ASRAB, he has attended four Paralympic Games as a National Canadian Goalball Team member, winning a silver medal in Atlanta.

Since his involvement with ASRAB, he has learned the value of creating opportunities for blind and visually impaired individuals to take part in sports and be active.

Through sport, Kozak says people with visual impairments of all levels and ages are given confidence and the strength to tackle life challenges.

"There is a lot of anxiety and fear from

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A lot of work goes into putting on an event like sight night and volunteers are always needed. If you are looking to volunteer for sight night, BURNCO Volunteer Crew could use your help.

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both kids and parents, but it is only going to make them more confident to try other things later on in life," says Kozak.

Sight night begins at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 and is presented by Flaman Fitness.

For more information about sight night, how to participate or how to donate, visit sightnightrun.ca.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Although he was born completely blind in one eye and only had 20 per cent vision in the other, Dean Kozak's life has revolved around sport.

With a silver medal at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, 12 years on the Canadian National Goalball Team and Bachelor of Kinesiology from the University of Calgary, Kozak has never let his impairment stand in his way.

And now Kozak is helping to give back to the community that lead him to the Paralympic Games as chair of sight night Edmonton and board member,

north region director for ASRAB (Alberta Sport & Recreation Association for the Blind).

"Sports are what I miss as I get older, but I was fortunate participate when I was younger," says Kozak, who currently has about five per cent vision remaining in his right eye.

"ASRAB has given me the platform to continue my passion for sport."

Kozak made it through high school with some sight and was able to compete in hockey, baseball, soccer, track and football and his vision was also good



enough to get a learner's license.

Towards the end of high school, Kozak began to notice his vision deteriorate.

He began needing to use magnifiers and use audio textbooks to get by.

"It was always just listening up and picking up what I could," says Kozak.

He eventually connected with ASRAB and began playing Goalball.

"Their coaches were the ones who



helped me develop into a national team athlete," says Kozak.

Playing on the Canadian National Goalball Team allowed Kozak to travel the world and compete in four Paralympic Games from Atlanta to Beijing. Since retiring, he has focused his energy on creating opportunities like the ones he had for others with visual impairments.

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'I HAVE REALLY MISSED BEING COMPETITIVE IN SOMETHING'

After a devastating car crash permanently took Jason Schmidt's eyesight at the age of 16, it seemed like the athletic portion of his life was over.

Five years later, Schmidt has regained his competitive drive through teaming up with ASRAB (Alberta Sport & Recreation Association for the Blind).

"Just knowing that it (ASRAB) exists, opens the door to be competitive again and meet people with the same life challenges as me," says Jason.

"I have really missed being competitive in something."

Schmidt found out about ASRAB through his employer, Flaman Fitness.

Before the car accident on Aug. 31, 2007, that changed his life forever, Schmidt was very active in dirt biking

and hockey.

"Jason was such an active kid his whole life and everything we did as a family involved Jason's sports," says Leah Schmidt, Jason's mother.

"When we found out that Jason could not see we thought that he would be angry and bitter and just give up but he was the opposite, thankfully, and he has fully embraced the life that has been given to him."

Although Schmidt has not been a member of ASRAB for very long, he has found he is already beginning to enjoy what the organization has to offer.

One of the first activities he tried out was Goalball, a sport that is played in the Paralympics.

"It was fun and I really like the sport,"

says Jason, despite saying he did get hit in the face a lot.

This month, Schmidt will be taking part in the sight night eight-kilometre run on Sept. 29.

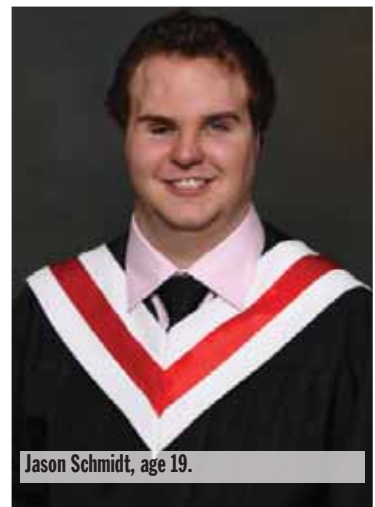
"I really want to test my limits and see if I can run an eight kilometres faster than the next guy," says Jason.

In January, Schmidt is excited to take part in an eight-week snowboarding program at Rabbit Hill.

"I am thrilled to see him continuing to pursue these activities," says Leah.

"He is my inspiration, as well as the many people we have met through ASRAB and other organizations."

Eventually, Schmidt is hoping to go back to school to work towards becoming a youth leader or work in music ministry.



Jason Schmidt, age 19.



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South Africa

Wage deal ends mining strike

Lonmin Platinum's 28,000 miners celebrated a wage deal Wednesday that ended a deadly strike in South Africa. At Marikana, the location of the protracted strike, thousands gathered and sang the national anthem in piercing heat. Many workers said they were happy to return to work Thursday, and glad that the strike that saw 45 people killed has finally ended. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Forbes 400 list

Gates is still richest American

Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates remains the richest man by far on the Forbes 400 list for the 19th year running, with a net worth of \$66 billion US. Social media moguls took the biggest hit. Zynga Inc.'s Mark Pincus and Groupon Inc.'s Eric Lefkofsky dropped off the list entirely. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg was the biggest dollar loser. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Groupon launched a new payment service Wednesday that allows businesses to run credit cards using an iPhone or iPod Touch, thus becoming the latest company to seek a portion of that growing market. It will go up against EBay Inc.'s PayPal unit and Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey's Square, which also allow merchants to swipe credit cards on their phones using a small card-reader attachment. **GROUPON**

Air Canada close to releasing details of low-cost carrier

Air Canada says it is a couple of weeks away from announcing details for a separate low-cost airline that will serve transatlantic and leisure routes in the Caribbean and the United States.

Michael Rousseau, the airline's chief financial officer, told a CIBC investment conference on Wednesday that the carrier will be wholly owned by Air Canada, but carry a different name.

"It is a very exciting initiative, not just for Air Canada, but our employees as well because it does provide growth opportunities for us," he said.

About half of the incremental profits from the low-cost carrier will be derived from cramming more seats into a fleet of 20 Boeing 767s

Quoted

"We don't have a difficult relationship with the vast majority of our employees."

Michael Rousseau, Air Canada's chief financial officer, blaming the media for portraying lingering friction between the company and unionized employees

and 30 Airbus A319s. The rest comes from lower employee wages and more flexible work rules.

The new business model will open the low-cost carrier to new routes in Europe that currently aren't cost-competitive for Air Canada, and allow it to be more competitive on Caribbean and some U.S. des-

Black-market bonanza: Canadians dodge sales tax where they can

No guilty feelings.

New survey finds that only 30 per cent think it's wrong to avoid tax by paying in cash

The vast majority of Canadians pay taxes each year, but a new survey suggests they are prepared to cheat at the margins if they think they can get away with it.

The survey for H&R Block Canada found 55 per cent of respondents saying that when dealing with a contractor, they would opt to pay cash to avoid sales taxes.

And they are not feeling overly guilty about it either. Only 30 per cent said they thought the avoidance wrong. Among young Canadians aged 18-34, only 17 per cent said it was wrong to avoid paying the sales tax.

The findings don't seem to be related specifically to sales

Underground economy

Statistics Canada estimated the underground economy amounted to about \$36 billion in 2008.

- The agency said underground activities were most prevalent in the construction industry, retail trade and accommodation and food services.

- The good news is that as a percentage of the economy, the agency said, evidence suggests underground activities declined from 2.7 per cent of gross domestic product in 1992 to 2.2 per cent in 2008.

taxes, which range from a low of five per cent in Alberta to a high of 15.5 per cent in Prince Edward Island.

A majority of Canadians believe they shouldn't have to declare bartered transactions,

nor do they feel workers in the service industry like waiters and bartenders should need to declare tips as income.

"I think it boils down to people feeling they pay enough tax, that they shouldn't have to pay anymore," said Cleo Hamel, a senior tax analyst with H&R Block.

Another factor may have to do with the recent introduction of the HST combining federal and provincial sales taxes in Ontario and Quebec, which increased the number of services subject to higher combined tax rates.

But Hamel said Canadians should be wary of cheating the tax man. If caught, they are liable not just for the tax, but also penalties that can double the amount owing. The government also has the option of prosecuting tax cheats.

The online survey of 1,500 adult Canadians was conducted by Leger Marketing over three days between July 30 and Aug. 1.

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Boob-tube bling. Sony launches \$25K television

Quoted

"There's not going to be an awful lot of consumers buying this TV."

Sony spokesman Michael Neujahr

Even Sony concedes its latest TV is a tough sell. For the wealthy gadget lover who has everything, or the most eager of early adopters, Sony will release a Canadian exclusive in time for Christmas: a new astronomically priced TV that represents the first step into a new ultra high-resolution format.

It's called 4K TV, a technology that promises four times the resolution of the HD picture consumers are now used to watching.

For the price of a brand new family sedan, or a down payment on a condo, consumers can pick up Sony's top-of-the-line 84-inch 4K LCD TV. That's \$25,000 — plus tax, of course.

Much like when plasma TVs were first released and

were mostly sold to businesses or the very wealthy, Sony isn't expecting a huge rush on its new model, admits spokesman Michael Neujahr. "There's not going to be an awful lot of consumers buying this TV," says Neujahr. "But certainly the higher-end customer that wants the best of the best, who's spending \$140,000 on a car, or \$12,000 on a watch, it's those people we're going to start with."

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If you're looking to make it big in the music industry, I've got just the solution.
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fashion.

No, my idea will work precisely because it is so lazy and unoriginal: sequels. We need to write song sequels.

Think about it. What industry, like music, has less to do with skill and more to do with giving the mouth-breathers what they want? The movie industry, of course.

And there's no more sure a bet at the movies than a sequel. Of the top-10-grossing movies so far this year, eight were sequels, reboots or adaptations.

If the movie industry can have a huge hit with Ice Age 4, just imagine what the music industry can do with future hits like Mr. Tambourine Man 2: Electric Boogaloo. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Song ideas 2: Seems to me I've heard this song before ...

- Call Me Maybe 2: Call Me Maybe-er: In this romantic romp, a mysterious stranger gives Carly Rae Jepsen HIS number. Will she stay with Mr. Ripped Jeans, or run off with the "new guy/who makes me feel so high?" Maybe both!
- In the Year 2526: Man is still alive ... but for how long?
- Psycho Killer Episode I: The Phantom Menace: In this much-anticipated prequel, we learn that the psycho killer was once a young whiny teenager who had infinite potential but was portrayed by a terrible actor. The bridge is something about a tax dispute.
- Rock and Roll Part 2, Part 2: Same as Part I, except the "Hey!" is spoken solemnly by Morgan Freeman, for a touch of gravitas.
- The Boxer 2: The Whores on Seventh Avenue: You think you know the full story, but you don't. Listen to the story of a boxer and fighter by trade, from the vantage point of the Pretty Woman who loves him! But will she "lie lie lie" to get him?
- 100 Problems: Jay-Z has no problems with his girl, but he wasn't counting on ... a new baby! Feel bad for his daughter.
- Johnny Be Even Better!: Johnny is now a man and the leader of a big old band. But as people come from miles around, the theatre is slated for demolition. Can Johnny play his way out of this one?
- American Pie Crossover: Hot Cross Buns!: Don McLean sings about making love to an apple pie and grabbing the hot buns of Lady Liberty. The lyrics are cryptic, but you know what he's singin' about! (Wink!)
- Escape From The Bridge Over Troubled Water: The emotional tsunami of the original is replaced by a real tsunami. And, in the shocking climax, either Simon or Garfunkel will die (not Simon).

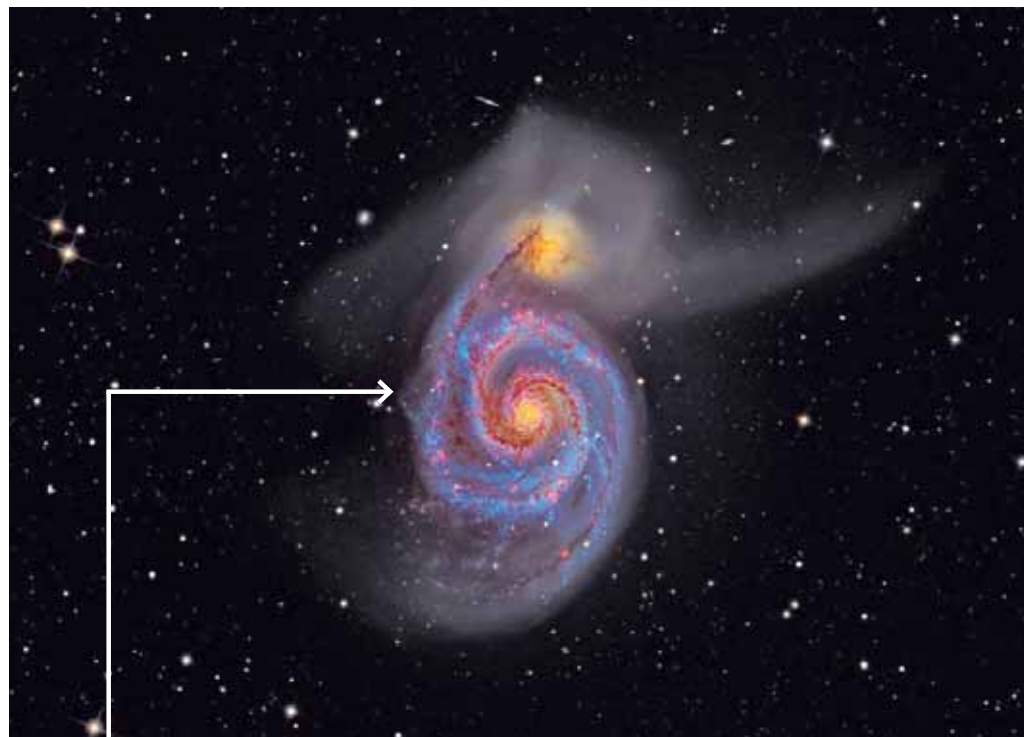
And there you go. If you use any of my ideas, I will be deeply honoured and flattered. Also, I will be suing for \$10 million for theft of intellectual property and loss of livelihood.
So get writing!



A strategic career song for Jay-Z: 100 problems, and a baby is one.

GETTY IMAGES

The deep space whirl



MARTIN PUGH

Astrophotography

Stunning star snap taken by amateur

Australia-based Martin Pugh has been named the Royal Observatory's Astronomy Photographer of the Year.

Pugh's image of the Whirlpool Galaxy (also known as M51), which also won the Deep Space category, was taken using a 43-centimetre-diameter PlaneWave telescope at an observatory in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. **METRO**

Galaxy in numbers

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light years is how far the Whirlpool Galaxy is from Earth. Pugh acquired his winning photo following a total exposure time of 28 hours.

Q & A

Better than Hubble

Marek, you were one of the competition's judges. What's so special about this image?

The technical skill in capturing the detail, the image's beautifully framed composition, and the sense of the infinite universe. The photographer has made the most of exceptionally good atmospheric conditions to capture an astonishing range of detail in his image of this iconic galaxy: The beautiful spiral structure,

dark lanes of dust, and the way the pink clouds of hydrogen really stand out. Here, you can see the small companion galaxy being gradually torn apart by the gravity of its giant neighbour. It's a remarkable achievement by an amateur astronomer. In many ways, it's better than an image by the Hubble Telescope.

This image is perhaps not the most eye-catching, but because of the amount of fine detail, it's a winner.

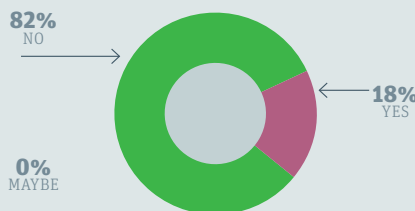


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Designer has a traffic jam to thank for retail deal

Fall fashion week.

After a fifth place showing last spring, Aleem Arif packed it in — but a friend's phone call convinced him to persevere



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The only good thing about the weather turning colder is the smokin' hot fashions commanding the runway during Edmonton's fall fashion week. Put on by Western Canada Fashion Week (WCFW), it is already dictating spring 2013 trends.

But, as designer Aleem Arif tells me, "one of the reasons the business works so far ahead is because designers need to time showcases and sell their collections."

It's a feat that sounds a lot easier said than done.

After investing a lot of time and money, Arif knew continuing his career hinged on the response he got from showing last spring. He needed a buyer, if not from WCFW than from his appearance in the highly coveted Mercedes Benz Start-up competition, which happened almost simultaneously. When Arif placed fifth in the start-up competition, he was discouraged and literally started to pack up.

"I was headed back to Calgary and ended up stuck in traffic. That's when I got a call from a friend check-



A sneak peek of designer Aleem Arif's spring 2012 Bano Eemee collection showcasing at WCFW. COURTESY IRENE RUDNYK

ing in to see how I did." Arif explains. "She encouraged me to turn around and stay another night."

As fate would have it, Arif scored a meeting with a retailer that was in the WCFW audience the next morning.

"It's so difficult to get to that next level of selling your work," says Arif. "I had to figure out how to get people to take me seriously when they didn't know me."

Whatever Arif did,

worked. Thread Hill is now the exclusive Edmonton retailer of Arif's fall collection.

But, the ink wasn't even dry when Arif had to start planning for his spring 2013 collection.

"This past summer, I travelled to Asia to take care of some manufacturing details. It was 40 degrees outside and all I could think about was ice cream and cotton candy, so a lot of the inspiration for my spring

More details

- Western Canada Fashion Week is taking place Trans-Alta Arts Barns (10330 – 84 Ave).
- Saturday's sample sale is at

PHABRIK art+design (10055 – 80 Ave).

- Tonight's tickets are available at the door for \$25.

collection came from that experience," Arif says with a laugh.

Although WCFW wraps tonight, there is still a sam-

ple sale to be had on Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

Otherwise, to preview Arif's Bano Eemee collection, visit banoemee.com.

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If you don't know him, you should

Q&A. Metro recently sat down to chat with Tiësto, the world-famous DJ who is making waves in electronic dance music

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro New York

Calling Tiësto the world's biggest DJ might be a slight understatement. More than one million people across six continents attended his 15-month 2010 Kaleidoscope World Tour, including the final date in Los Angeles where he performed before an audience of 26,000 fans — the most ever in U.S. history for a single DJ event.

That's not to mention his recent compilations and albums *Club Life: Volume One* Las Vegas, *Kiss From The Past*, and *Club Life: Volume Two* Miami, all which have become hits in the dance music world. We caught up with the Dutch DJ at the Electric Zoo Festival in Randall's Island, New York City, to talk about his upcoming tours, his foray into fashion and why his mom's home cooking is the best.

You're about to go on stage at Electric Zoo. What can people who are coming to your show expect.

I thought about it a lot today. I'm going to play a lot of hard stuff. It's outdoors right before the darkness, so I'm going to play a lot of hard stuff and a couple of focal tracks and a few new tracks of mine.

I understand you're going on a U.S. college tour. Why colleges and why that age group?

First of all, it's a great crowd to play for. They're all fresh and hungry for dance music. I think not many people have seen me at that age. I always get a lot of tweets and requests (about) when am I going to play under-18 shows. I can't do that anywhere. This is the closest I can get where I can reach my younger audience.



Tiësto, 43, hails from the Netherlands. GETTY PHOTO ORDERED

You have a Guess fashion collection coming up. Tell me a little bit more about what inspired you.

I always liked Guess, and I met Paul Marciano, and I went to dinner with him. He's a big Tiësto fan, and I was always a big fan of his campaigns. So I was like why don't we do anything together? We started thinking about it, and it spontaneously came together very organically.

Is there going to be a lot of dayglo? Neon colours?

No, for the first part of the collection I tried to keep it very basic because I didn't have much experience yet. I didn't want to go to crazy.

So what are we going to see a lot of?

Very basic colours. A nice black leather jacket. Lots of T-shirts. Very simple, but a lot of detail. The women's collection is more exciting than men's.

Have you always been into fashion?

As I started to become a bigger DJ, I became more into fashion. I couldn't afford it back in the day. I had other things on my mind!

I like it when people dress nice, when you see a girl and a guy put in a little effort, it looks good. I really appreciate that.

You're headlining the Staples Center in October. Why did you want to return to L.A.?

It's been a while since I've

been in L.A. Staples Center is such an iconic venue, and I've always wanted to play there. It was available that day so I said let's do it!

You're from the Netherlands. When you are on tour what food do you miss the most?

My mom's food of course! She makes very good chicken. She makes chicken with raisins and rice and a special sauce. No one else can make it. It's really good. It's not really Dutch food I think.

Typical Dutch food is snacks.

Coming from the Netherlands, what have you noticed about people around the world?

I noticed that a lot of people are actually the same around the world, but there's just a communication failure. People misunderstand people's culture, but if you really get to the culture, it's really the same around the world. But, because the way you express yourself is different than you do in Europe, people misunderstand you.

I'm not going to make you pick the country with the best fans, but which country has the craziest fans?

I think Mexico. Mexico has crazy fans. When I play

Quote

"I think people in the EDM world are very free and very liberal, that's why it's so attractive to everybody. In general people are so positive. If you go to an EDM festival, there's never fights, there's no violence. People love each other and support the music, and it's the best crowd there is in any music genre."

Tiësto

there, they have complete squares with my names on it. Crazy fans!

Are you surprised how global electronic music has become?

I'm surprised and so happy. I came to the U.S. in 2000 for the first time and I never thought it was going to be like this.

I was playing in Vegas only three years ago, and I was like, "I would love to have a residency to play every week here because I love Vegas." But, everything was hip-hop. I told the promoter I worked with then, and he said 'Yeah it would be great if you could do it, but it will never happen.' We were both like it will never happen. And it's here.

The song that put you on the map was the remix of the Pirates of the Caribbean theme song. Are you sick of that song now?

Yeah. I must say. I always look at the future. I don't look very much in the past. Everything I did in the past I don't play much anymore. It's such a different time now, a different sound. I miss those days sometimes, but that was then. It was a different period in my life and now I'm here. I don't play Pirates of the Caribbean; I haven't played it in two years. It would be weird to play it now because it doesn't fit my sound. Maybe if I do a complete old school set?

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Say it right: Nelly's back

Return of the queen.

Furtado mulled quitting English pop after Loose, but returns after six years

After rattling the charts with her sexed-up club-quake Loose, Nelly Furtado faced a difficult riddle: how to follow the biggest success of her career, a disc that sounded like nothing else in her catalogue?

She took her time pondering that question. First, she took a couple years off, enjoying a slice of homebody life for the first time in her career. But still, the answer didn't come — after three years, she pressed ahead and issued the Spanish-language disc Mi Plan, in part to tide over fans.

Eventually, still uptight over Loose, she mused on quitting English-language music altogether — although how much that was a real concern or a self-motivational strategy is hard to discern.

"I go through this love-hate thing with my career," the chipper 33-year-old said in a recent interview while lounging on a couch in a Toronto hotel room.

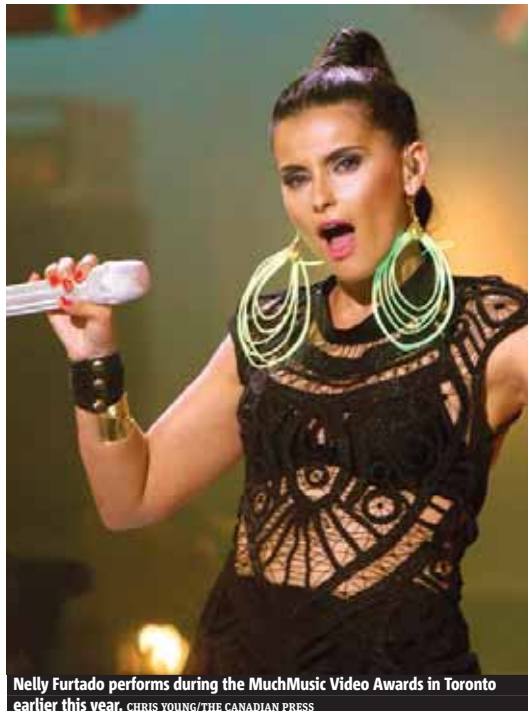
"I really think it's psychological, where I tell myself I'm going to quit so I can get back into the studio and create something that's too good for me not to quit."

"I have to create that tension. I have to create that do-or-die, gotta live for it. I guess it's my way of making sure the quality's there...."

"It's a bizarre, weird artistic game I play."

Well, it appears as though she won, because this week, Furtado released The Spirit Indestructible, her first English-language album in more than six years.

It's a testament to the



Nelly Furtado performs during the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto earlier this year. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

taut power of Loose that it was so hard to craft a follow-up. That album featured four top 5 hits in Canada, went multi-platinum in 32 countries and moved 10 million copies worldwide.

And it's not a coincidence that she approached Spirit differently.

Where gifted hip-hop producer Timbaland gilded nine of Loose's tracks with his distinct sound, he's nowhere to be found on Furtado's new disc, which features production from Grammy winner Rodney (Darkchild) Jerkins and Amy Winehouse collaborator Salaam Remi. And while Loose cast Furtado as a glam, hip-swivelling vixen, Spirit finds the Victoria native exploring disparate sides of her personality.

"Loose, without meaning to, became more of a con-

cept album — and I guess my concept was pop — let's make this very broad, thematic album, where it's very light in a way but sonically together," Furtado said.

"Mi Plan as well, is very one sound — it's very much a Latin pop record — so it's quite sonically consistent in one way."

"But this album isn't. It's back to the fun, and the risk, and the real irreverence. What I like most about it is I feel some of that punk attitude on this album that I had on my first album."

Yet even if Furtado's concept was not having a concept at all, common themes soon began emerging in the new tunes she was writing. Primarily, The Spirit Indestructible finds Furtado revelling in nostalgia.

Propulsive first single Big

Hoops (Bigger the Better) is a callback to "that 14-year-old girl with that fire inside ... who knew the microphone was really where she should be," with lyrics that directly reference early '90s hip-hop hitmakers Salt-N-Pepa. The booming Parking Lot was inspired by Furtado's recollections of late-night teenage gatherings outside her local 7-Eleven, while piano-powered knocker High Life goes "back to the girl in the bedroom dreaming about being a famous singer."

"There's a big difference between her dreaming about it and what happens when you achieve those things," said Furtado.

A moment later, she realizes the implications of such a statement — that she sounds like a celebrity complaining about being famous.

"I never want to be that artist to write songs about like, being in a hotel room, or on a jet plane, on a private jet — 'Ahh, it's so hard,'" she says, laughing.

"High Life is the closest I've come to writing that song, but I think I've at least tied it together with something that people can at least sing along to."

Indeed, Furtado has tried hard to maintain her approachable normalcy even as her profile has ballooned.

Following the success of Loose, she retreated into routine — swapping stilettos for rubber boots and velour track pants while she drove her daughter to school each day and thought about music only in her spare time.

"I really viciously guard that — it's my only way to stay grounded really, is to live a normal life," Furtado said. "I'm proud of that. I definitely wear it on my sleeve. I like that I do all the same things and have pretty much all the same friends that I used to have."

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Angelina Jolie makes her brother a maid of honour

While the date of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's wedding may still be a mystery, some of the other details are coming together — like who will be by the bride's side through the ceremony.

Jolie has reportedly enlisted her brother, James Haven, to serve as her maid of honour — of sorts — for

the big day, according to Heat.

"James was thrilled to accept his little sister's offer. Angie has always related to men better than women," the source says. "As well as growing up with James, she bonded more with the jocks than the cheerleaders."

Paltrow lets her kids only watch cartoons in foreign languages

Gwyneth Paltrow isn't above letting her two children — 8-year-old daughter Apple and 6-year-old son Moses, watch a little TV, but she has some conditions.

"I only let them watch TV in French or Spanish," Paltrow tells InStyle magazine. "When I'm in France, I go to (Boulevard) Beaumarchais and buy all their cartoons."

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The Word



Shocker: Lohan arrested again



Lindsay Lohan was arrested again — I could type that phrase with my eyes closed at this point — in New York City on Monday night.

Lohan was at the wheel when her Porsche pulled up to the Dream Hotel in the Meatpacking District around 12:30 a.m., hitting an unidentified man in the knee.

Reportedly "unaware" of the accident, Lohan and her crew went into the hotel before authorities could arrive.

She was arrested upon leaving about a half-hour later and released without bail since the charge is only a misdemeanor.

The man checked into a nearby hospital,

but there were no visible injuries, according to sources.

Per TMZ, Lohan is saying the accident is "really fishy" because the man didn't appear to have any visible injuries and feels she's the victim of a set up.

And surveillance video supports that — it apparently shows her accuser was exaggerating.

Conspiracy or no, this brings up a few questions:

1. Why is Lindsay Lohan driving in New York City?

If I can afford to take a cab, she can afford to take a cab.

2. How much is her car insurance? It must be more than my take-home salary at this point.

3. Who is her current lawyer? He's the hardest working man in show business (besides Kirstie Alley's tailor) and yet no one knows his name.

Twitter



@ElizabethBanks

Catching up with news and my take-away is this: Kate Middleton is even more flawless than previously assumed. #RoyalAbs



@ZoeyDexchannel

I just want to wear sweaters and coats but the universe isn't playing along.



@EllenPage

Dear America, I've a very important question. Why are chickpeas called garbanzo beans here? Thanks



@SarahKSilverman

A bull in pretty much any shop is gonna be a mess



Sofia Vergara

"Do you know who I am?" Apparently not, Sofia

Sofia Vergara didn't have as nice of a night out in Hollywood recently as she'd been expecting. The Modern Family star hit the Parlor to meet up with a group of friends but was denied access as the bar

was at capacity, according to Hollyscoop.

According to onlookers, Vergara blew up at the bouncer, shouting, "Do you know who I am?"

A friend who was already inside came out to see what was going on and joined in yelling at the bouncer before Vergara stormed off. She later took a moment to blast the venue on Twitter, posting that it is the "worst sports bar in LA!"

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London calling!

From neutrals to bold colours, from the masculine to the feminine, from the '50s to the future and back again: London Fashion Week's lady is one of contrasts and undeniable cool.

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Vivienne Westwood

Vivienne Westwood's show consisted of '50s-inspired lady-like pieces: cocktail dresses, jacquard skirt-suits, fitted frocks and flared skirts, headscarves and twin-sets with painted faces in yellow, green, pink and blue make-up. Seemingly pared-down for Westwood but then there was a live performance by Rooster with singer Sara Stockbridge to ramp up the anti-establishment punk vibe.

Paul Smith

Of course, Paul Smith, best known for his classic tailoring, couldn't go so far as to omit his signature pieces from his latest outing — but he did introduce a few fresh ideas. Color-blocking ran through the collection from airy, pleated skirts slit high to mid-thigh, billowing dresses and shirts, to pajama-esque pants. New ideas aside, it was the high-waisted, mannish-style cropped trousers that proved to be the biggest success, while the striped stirrup pants and tightly cut jackets read a touch awkward.



Issa

Designer Daniella Helayel was obviously feeling hot, hot, hot on the run-up to her latest outing. Vibrant, popping colours (hot pink, orange, reds and yellows) welcomed the dawn of a '70s tropical Garden of Eden, complete with orchid-styled hairdos. Billowing caftans, tiered full-length smocks, kimonos and maxi cuts all made their way down the runway. That said, it was the halterneck jumpsuits that were the racier and more daring standouts in this collection.

Sass & Bide

Sass & Bide's Sarah-Jane Clarke and Heidi Middleton toyed with the idea of masculinity and femininity. That trope surfaced as white and black, silk versus embellishment and the reinterpretation of the tuxedo. Dresses came with structured origami pleats, sometimes edged with embellishment or featuring the camellia flower — a symbol of perfection. There were shots of hot colour too, with the introduction of fluoro orange shells and silver paillettes.



Nicole Farhi

Nicole Farhi bid farewell (kind of) to her label with a perfectly sculpted and cerebral collection. Next season sees the inception of Joanna Sykes at the creative helm, although Farhi will still be involved with the label in some capacity. The 66-year-old was inspired by the way in Carrara, Italy, changing light levels cast shadows across the marble mountains there. Her passion for artisan sculpture, fabrics and silhouettes was clear from the complex pleats that represented the shadows on her neutral colour collection.

Little ones in leather

Baby bomber. Rudsak Kids collection set to be made available in stores and online by the end of September



Canadian outerwear collection specifically for children.

The kids' jackets will feature similar style elements to the label's fall-winter line for adults, a range first unveiled on the runway earlier this year.

The children's collection will launch three styles: two named Lola and Lili designed for girls, with

a third, Lulu, which will be unisex.

Styles set to be featured include oversized fur-trimmed hoods, a down-filled pongee coat, a puffer jacket with lamb leather sleeves and a bomber-style puffer jacket with leather sleeves retailing for \$295.

Rudsak founder and creative leader Evik Asatoorian said the kids' line was the "next obvious step" for the brand, which launched in 1994, and he pointed to his own two boys as inspiration.

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Click your way to cool

Canadian label Moon launches e-commerce site

Canadian fashion label Moon has made a fresh landing online.

After a two-year exclusive collaboration with the Bay, the affordable homegrown brand has dedicated virtual boutique to showcase and sell apparel and accessories. The e-commerce site moonapparel.ca opened for business Sept. 15.

Moon's fall-winter col-

lection for women features a colour palette of warm seasonal jewel tones against a backdrop of neutrals, colour blocking fashion and textured knits, while the holiday offerings aim to channel influence from '20s and '30s-era fashions.

The label has ties to Canadian fashion legend Alfred Sung.

Moon was the name of the Toronto boutique opened in the 1970s by the designer, and is also part of Sung's name.

Sung is a business partner and chief designer at Mimran Group Inc.

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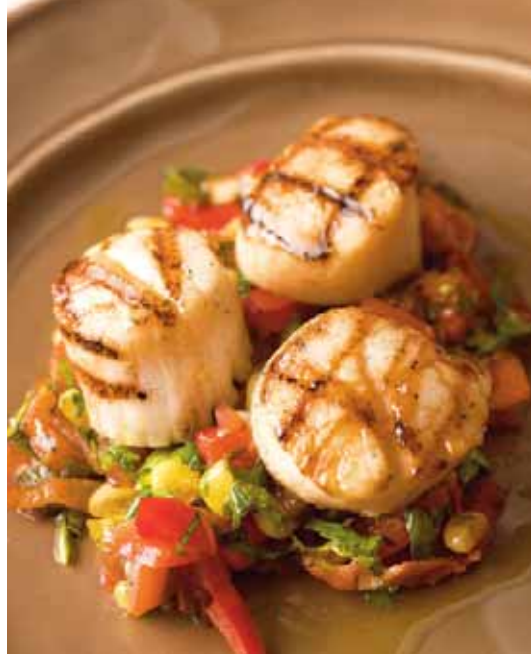


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Kate Moss, Lana Del Rey at British brand Mulberry's '70s-inspired fashion show

Hot, salty ragout complements flavours of scallops, other seafood

Grilled Scallops with Corn, Bacon & Red Pepper Ragout



This recipe serves four. ROB FEENIE'S CASUAL CLASSICS: DOUGLAS & MACINTYRE

Rob Feenie first wowed diners with his innovative tasting menus at the inventive Lumiere restaurant in Vancouver. Today, he creates delicious family-style recipes for Cactus Club restaurants with thousands of people of all ages enjoying his signature dishes.

But before he became Canada's first Iron Chef America champion, Feenie paid his culinary dues with stints at Alsace with Chef Emile Jung at Au Crocodile and Antoine Westermann at Buerehiesel, both Michelin three-star-rated restaurants, in Chicago with Charlie Trotter and in New York with Daniel Boulud and Jean-Georges Vongerichten.

Among the recipes in the chef's book Rob Feenie's Casual Classics is this scallop dish.

"This dish makes an excellent starter for a meal or a nice lunch when served with a simple green salad," Feenie writes in the book. "I use Qualicum Bay scallops and peaches-and-cream corn, both of which are local products, but you can substitute other varieties of either."

"The hot and salty ragout is an especially good combina-

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 slices smoked bacon, in 1/4-inch dice
- 1/2 cup diced red onions
- 1 cup corn kernels, cut off the cob
- 1/2 red bell pepper, in 1/4 inch

- dice (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 Thai chili, seeded and finely minced
- Juice of 1 lime (about 1 tbsp)
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter
- 12 large scallops (muscles removed from sides if present)
- 1 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp finely chopped cilantro

tion with scallops, but it's also delicious with baked halibut or grilled steelhead salmon."

1. In a small bowl, combine soy sauce, rice vinegar and lemon juice. Set aside.

2. Heat a large frying pan on medium. Add the bacon and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring, until crisp. Stir in onions, corn, bell peppers and chili and sauté for 2 minutes, then add lime juice and butter.

3. Season with salt and pepper, reduce the heat to low and simmer while scallops are cooking. (Or refrigerate the ragout in an airtight container for

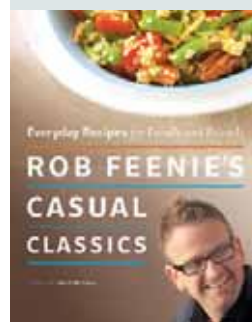
up to two days.)

4. Preheat a stovetop grill or a barbecue to medium-high. Warm a plate in the oven at 200 F. Pat scallops dry with paper towels and season with salt, pepper and a dash of olive oil. Grill scallops for 2 minutes, turn over and grill for another 1 minute. Transfer to the warm plate.

5. Divide the ragout evenly among 4 plates and top each serving with 3 scallops. Spoon about 2 tsp of the soy dressing over each plate and garnish with cilantro. Serve. **FROM ROB FEENIE'S CASUAL CLASSICS BY ROB FEENIE (DOUGLAS & MACINTYRE)**

Cookbook of the Week

Simple yet special



Rob Feenie, the longtime leader in the casual fine dining movement, reveals his favourite recipes in Rob Feenie's Casual Classics: Everyday Recipes For Family and Friends.

The book brings together the best innovative and approachable meals.

From such fundamental recipes as Roasted Tomato Sauce and Juicy Poached Chicken to globally inspired dishes like Barbecued Duck Spring Rolls, Quinoa Jambalaya and Braised Osso Buco, these are real-life modern classics that are adaptable to budgets, dietary restrictions and busy schedules.

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Quinoa, Green Bean & Tomato Salad packs protein punch

"One of my favorite grains right now is quinoa," writes Rob Feenie in Rob Feenie's Casual Classics. "It is one of the most complete proteins on the planet and can work well on its own, in a salad or with other proteins."

"The key is to give it flavour, which we have done here with the lemon juice, capers, bell peppers and tomatoes."

"Thoroughly washing the quinoa before cooking it eliminates any bitterness. Use white or red quinoa or a mix of both."

1. Combine quinoa and the 1 1/2 cups water in a medium pot and bring to a simmer on medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until all the liquid is absorbed, 15 to 20 minutes. Set aside.

2. Fill a large bowl with ice water. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil on high heat, add green beans and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, until barely tender. Remove from the heat and drain green beans in a colander. Place the colander in the ice water to preserve the beans' bright green colour and stop them from cooking further.

3. Using a sharp knife, cut

tomatoes in half and gently squeeze out and discard the seeds. (It is not necessary to remove the skins for this recipe.) Cut tomatoes in 1/2-inch dice.

4. In a large bowl, combine quinoa, green beans, tomatoes, bell peppers, capers, green onions and basil. Season with salt, olive oil and lemon juice, and sprinkle with pecans. Keep refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

FROM ROB FEENIE'S CASUAL CLASSICS BY ROB FEENIE (DOUGLAS & MACINTYRE)

Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa, washed well and drained
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3/4 lb fresh green beans, in 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 lb very ripe Roma tomatoes (3 to 4)
- 2 tbsp capers, rinsed
- 4 green onions, in 1/2-inch slices
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh basil
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 3 tbsp roasted pecans



This recipe serves four to six. ROB FEENIE'S CASUAL CLASSICS: DOUGLAS & MACINTYRE

For those cool days. Easy Cream of Chicken Soup

"This soup makes me think of my early cooking days, around age 18, when I was apprenticing and had to make this dish for an exam," writes Rob Feenie in Rob Feenie's Casual Classics. "It also reminds me of a soup my mom made with turkey around Christmas time."

"This easy soup has now become a staple in my own family; we make it from the basic poached chicken recipe (page 108 of Rob Feenie's Casual Classics for this recipe) on cool, rainy days when we need some soul-comforting food."

Garlic Croutons

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Place bread cubes in a medium bowl.

2. In pot, heat olive oil on medium-low, add garlic and stir constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes.

3. Pour garlic oil over bread, toss lightly and mix in Parmesan. Add black pepper and salt. Arrange bread cubes on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven; set aside.

Chicken Soup

1. In bowl, combine butter and flour to form a smooth paste. Set aside.

2. In a large pot, bring chicken stock to a boil on medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to a simmer and stir in whipping cream

(or milk). Whisk in the butter-flour mixture, then cook, stirring often, for at least 10 minutes, until flour is cooked and soup has thickened slightly. Add chicken and heat through. Season with salt to taste.

3. Ladle soup into bowls, top with croutons and sprinkle with Cheddar, and serve. Refrigerate leftover soup in an airtight container for up to 3 days or freeze it for up to 1 month.

FROM ROB FEENIE'S CASUAL CLASSICS BY ROB FEENIE (DOUGLAS & MACINTYRE)

Ingredients

Garlic Croutons

- 1/2 baguette, in 3/4 inch cubes
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp chopped garlic
- 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper
- Pinch of Maldon salt

Chicken Soup

- 2 tbsp butter, softened
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup whipping cream or whole milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded poached chicken (page 108 of Rob Feenie's Casual Classics for recipe)
- 1/2 cup grated aged white Cheddar cheese



Baby Beet Salad — carrot tahini, lavash crackers, chèvre crumble, pomegranate molasses vinaigrette.

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"The cultural backgrounds of this region are what enhance the essence in every dish, through their strong passion for food."

Lakis credits his Cypriot background

for his passion for food and desire to share it with others.

Lakis says the meaning of the Greek word Ousia is loosely translated into English as "essence" or "substance", and that is what he tries to bring to his customers.

"We strive to bring new ideas and creative dishes to our customers and in a sense educate them on this specific style of cuisine," says Lakis.

"We take pride in being able to use as many local ingredients as possible in our kitchen and connecting with the farmers regularly to find out what new products they may have for us to use in the restaurant."

The menu at Ousia is comprised of "little plates" or "tapas", salads, "big plates", and desserts.

"We encourage people to share so that they can experience as many different flavours possible," says Lakis.

"The eating style of sharing also reflects how people eat in the Mediterranean and is a more social way of dining."

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Alcantara says Panciteria translates to mean House of Noodles in English.

Catering to those in a rush, Alcantara hope that Panciteria de Manila will become the destination for those in a hurry.

"Food is expected to be served in six to eight minutes to give time to go back to their offices or they can take their quick lunch at the restaurant," says Alcantara.

Panciteria de Manila is now serving Pancit Bihon (stir rice, stick noodles with meat, shrimp and veggies), which has become popular among Canadians.

For those not in a rush, Panciteria de Manila offers customers a chance to step into the Philippines for the length of their meal.

"This family oriented restaurant offers a friendly Filipino ambiance," says Alcantara.

"As you enter the restaurant, you will hear music, will see videos, and picture frames of Philippine scenic spots that will make you feel the Filipino hospitality and having fun in the Philippines."

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"Olive Festival gives the kitchen a chance to be creative and it becomes fun for the customers too," says Christophe Ithurritze, executive chef at Sage, in the River Cree Resort.

For \$60, Olive Festival will offer a number of specialty olive-themed dishes and drinks, including martinis.

As a starter, guests will receive a Tuna Ceviche, a seared yellow fin tune, olive brine, red onion, and cilantro.

That will be followed by an olive salad, then an olive oil poached halibut, then lamb chops with couscous, roasted red peppers and tapenade.

Finally, indulge your sweet tooth with olive oil ice cream.

Sage is a beautiful and affordable restaurant located in the River Cree Resort & Casino and is excited to bring this classic Greek item to your plates.

"Sage is unique because we believe in the culinary arts by blending the passion of cooking with the highest standards in product quality," says Ithurritze.

Each month Sage offers customers a different night of food and education.

For Oct. Sage will be featuring pumpkin in their food-themed evening.

For Chef Ithurritze, these themed evenings are a chance for the kitchen and guests to have some fun, and

is different than your regular dining experience.

"We strive on simply prepared food and excellent service," says Ithurritze.

"The menu is designed to please every expectation, from a Kobe beef hamburger to a butter poached lobster."

Themed



nights and great food, is what keeps customers coming back regularly as customers will never tire of their menu.

"Customers keep on coming to Sage because we are able to consistently deliver a superior quality of food and service," says Ithurritze.

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It's starting to smell like fall

Fragrances. These days there are endless ways to add a special scent to your home

When the lazy days of summer give way to hectic fall schedules, there is nothing like dashing in from the cold and being enveloped by a home filled with delicious smells.

Home fragrance products have exploded into a \$5 billion industry, with candles, diffusers, room sprays and oils offered everywhere from drug stores to high-end retailers. There are many use-what-you-have, do-it-yourself options as well.

The idea is to create an inviting, comforting and calming environment, whether you're having 20 people for a sit-down dinner or simply hanging out on the couch for the evening.

"This is a time when people are spending more time at home, and they want that cosy, holiday, warm feeling, and maybe you want that even when you're not entertaining — you want it on a Tuesday night when you're watching TV," said Jessica Romm, lifestyles editor at Martha Stewart Living.

"Fragrance is a really nice way to do that."

Once comprised mostly of candles and potpourri, the home fragrance market took off in the mid to late 1990s, and retail sales in the United States hit a high of \$5.3 billion in 2011, according to Karen Doskow, industry manager for consumer products at Kline and Co., a market research company in Parsippany, N.J. Sales last year were up four per cent over 2010, she said.

Today's offerings include candles, room sprays, reed and plug-in diffusers, wax melts, essential oils, and old standards like drawer liners



Yankee Candle Signature Reed Diffuser in Spiced Pumpkin



Jo Malone London Luxury Candle in Pomegranate Noir



Glade's Seasonals Fall Plug-ins Scented Oil 2 CT Refill Maple Pumpkin Twin pack 1.34 oz.



Glade's Fall Collection Blackberry Jam Candle



Yankee Candle Home Fragrance Oil in Macintosh



Glade's Seasonals Fall 9.7 oz. Premium Room Spray scented with Maple Pumpkin

and sachets. Many products now offer a more sophisticated scent and they're more decorative as well, Doskow says.

Just as there are scores of scents to choose from (Yankee Candle has about 200 candle fragrances), the prices vary greatly. "It can range from a Renuzit adjustable (air freshener) for 99 cents up to a Jo Malone

scented candle that's in excess of \$100," Doskow adds.

In fact, Jo Malone's luxury candle offers 230 hours of burn time and sells for \$425, while a large Yankee Candle that offers up to 150 hours of scent costs \$27.99. Crabtree & Evelyn has scented sprays for \$19, while French perfumer Frederic Malle's "perfume gun" spray sells for \$145.

Whatever your budget, try to capture the natural smells of the season in a simple and minimal way, Romm says. She mentions masculine scents like wood and leather, and the smells of seasonal fruits and vegetables, such as pumpkin, apple, pear and squash.

"You'd think about meals that you're cooking or things you would have

around — fruits of the season or spices you might use," Romm said. "Our philosophy in terms of home fragrance is to not battle or compete with what you would naturally have in your home during the fall."

As winter arrives, a fresh Christmas tree is great, Romm says, but without one, you can introduce the smell of pine, or eucalyptus,

and spices like clove and cinnamon.

A good way to carry fragrance through your home is to use multiple products at once, says Hope Margala Klein, executive vice-president for brand, design and innovation at Yankee Candle.

"We recommend a layered approach, with the candle being the focus," she said.

About an hour before guests arrive, a host might light a candle — or a no-flame alternative if kids or pets are an issue — in each of the major entertaining spaces, such as the kitchen, dining room and great room, and accent those with diffusers. "By the time guests get here, the house smells amazing," Klein says.

Don't forget to add a glow to the bathroom, where you may also want to display a can of room spray for a concentrated burst of fragrance if needed, she recommends.

The amount of scent you should use depends on the size of your home.

"People who have enormous rooms would probably need more," Klein said. "Or if you're living in a small apartment in New York City, you could probably do one candle for the whole place. You don't want it to overpower folks."

One scent can be used throughout the home for an intense smell, or you can combine scents. "People will create their own recipes for what they think is great," Klein said.

Romm is partial to DIY home fragrance, like setting a pot of apple cider with cinnamon or cloves to simmer on the stove, displaying a pretty bowl of cinnamon sticks, or drying sliced apples on parchment paper in the oven on low heat.

"You can serve it just as guests are arriving so that smell fills your home," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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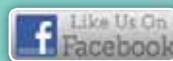


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Tiny bathroom? Try these unique ideas for extra storage



Make the most of the open wall space in your bathroom by installing shelves and towel racks. ISTOCK IMAGES

DIY ideas. There are ways to make a cluttered space more bearable

A small bathroom is a difficult problem. If you aren't ready to tear down your walls and renovate, try these unique ideas and clever solutions to create extra storage room in your bathroom — guaranteed to make your morning routine less stressful.

Contain It

Use baskets, bins and trays to stay organized and reflect the look of your home. If you're on a budget, try using household objects in a whole new way, like a cutlery tray to hold make-up or a plastic shoe box for medical supplies. With both of these items you can rinse them out if anything leaks. You can also re-use tall, narrow vases to hold hairbrushes and combs.

Make More Counter Space

If you're constantly balancing toiletries on the edge of the sink, it's time to give yourself more room.

Install a ledge-style shelf over the sink, but underneath the mirror, to lay out cosmetics or toothbrushes. This small piece will add convenience to the room, and style depending on the type of shelf you choose.

Open It Up

Installing a shelving unit can be incredibly practical, but may make an already small room feel more cramped. Instead, find or

build a shelf unit with clear glass shelves and a mirrored back. This will keep the room feeling open and adds stylish options for any décor displays.

Character Finds

A great way to stay on a budget, stay true to your design taste and add practical storage to your bathroom by combing antique markets and yard sales. Cookie tins, tool boxes, bushel baskets, tea canisters and more can be used to store your bathroom supplies in a unique way. You can then put these fun storage containers out in the open.

Hang It

Who says a side table needs to stay on the ground? Find a small bedside table with doors for storage and hang it on your bathroom wall as a medicine cabinet. Paint it a fun colour to match the décor of the room. Think outside the box about other household items that could be used as storage if only they were hung on a wall — then take credit for your creativity!

Use All Vertical Space

Make the most of open wall space in your bathroom by installing floating shelves all the way up the wall. These are inexpensive, easy to install, and offer many storage and display options.

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Time to call in the chimney sweep

A matter of safety. Experts recommend chimneys be inspected, cleaned annually

People are drawn to a fire, whether they're roasting marshmallows around a campfire during the summer or cuddling up near the fireplace in the dead of winter.

And just as you take precautions outdoors, there are things you should do to make sure your fireplaces and chimneys are safe.

Fires built in fireplaces or wood stoves leave a gummy residue, called creosote, that can stick to the lining of your chimney. Creosote — created by soot, smoke, gases and other particles — is flammable, and can be the source of a dangerous chimney fire.

Experts recommend that chimneys be inspected every year by a certified chimney sweep and cleaned if necessary. The cost can range from \$100 to \$300 or higher. Cleaning a

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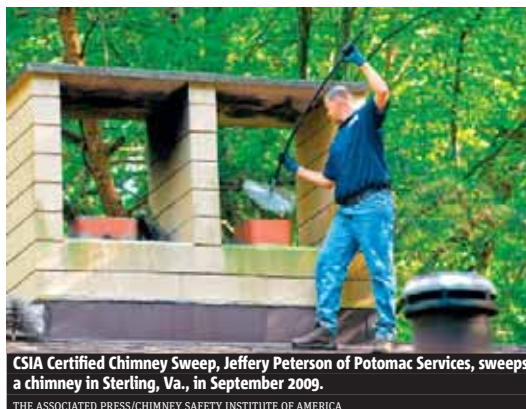
Between 2005 and 2008 in the U.S., an average of 26,900 fires annually were blamed on fireplaces or chimney connectors, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

chimney is not a do-it-yourself project, says Kit Selzer, a senior editor at Better Homes and Gardens. It's a dirty job, and it also can be risky, especially if you have to climb onto the roof.

Chimney sweeps are trained to determine whether chimneys are structurally sound and whether they need to be cleaned, said Ashley Eldridge, education director for the Chimney Safety Institute of America. They also will make sure the chimney is up to code, especially important in older houses.

"Each job is different," said Christina El-Hage, a certified sweep with Pride Clean Chimney Sweeps in Bethesda, Md., but there are some basics.

"We're looking to make sure



CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep, Jeffery Peterson of Potomac Services, sweeps a chimney in Sterling, Va., in September 2009.

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the flue is fully safe," she said. "We're making sure there are no third-degree burns of creosote on the lining."

There are steps you can take at home to reduce creosote buildup and the risk of a chimney fire.

Foremost is picking dry wood to burn, Eldridge said. To determine whether wood is sufficiently dry, "take two pieces and bang them together. You

get almost a ring as an indication its ready. If not, it's a dull thud," he said.

Don't throw pizza boxes or other trash in the fireplace, El-Hage said, because it causes a thicker smoke, which lowers the temperature in the chimney. And to reduce the risk of a spark flying out of the fireplace, use a screen and stay in the room while the fire is burning.

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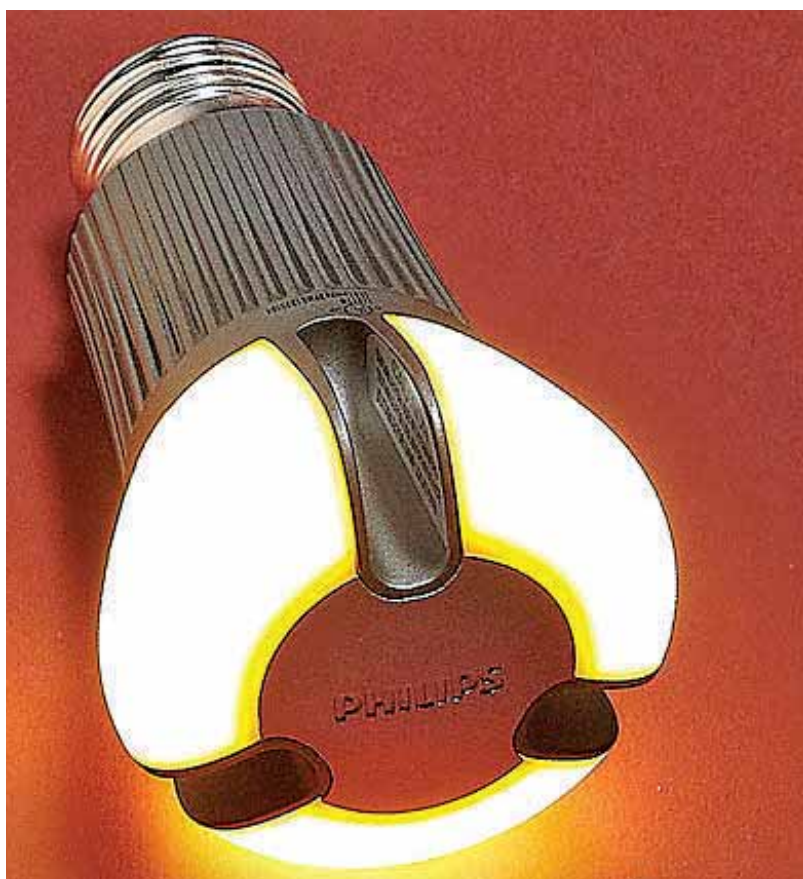


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New advancements are creating light bulbs that are not only efficient, but that create a soft light — perfect when decorating a room. ISTOCK IMAGES

Lighting: A decorator's best friend

Design Centre. It's time to warm up to the new LED light bulbs



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Every great decorator will tell you that lighting is one of the most important elements to having a beautiful room.

Without a true soft light, the finest furnishings and fabrics can look all wrong.

The past few years have been difficult for decorating enthusiasts as more and more provinces are regulating to phase out the soft light from the old incandescent bulbs.

British Columbia and Nova Scotia are two prov-

inces leading the way to phase them out and introduce more efficient options. As time goes on, more and more regulations will be put in place to introduce a more efficient, safer bulb to use.

I've always been reluctant to use the new style of LED lighting when decorating as I thought the light would be too harsh, bright and cool in colour.

New advancements are creating bulbs that are not only efficient, but that create a soft light; similar to what we've always been used to.

The Philips Ambient LED Bulbs offer up a soft white light similar to the light you get with the old incandescent bulbs, last more than 20 times longer and use only about 20 per cent of the energy of a regular incandescent bulb.

LED bulbs facts

- LED bulbs can save more than 80 per cent energy.
- An LED bulb lasts over 20 years, outlasting about 20 of the old style bulbs.
- The Philips Ambient LED Bulbs can be dimmed to create many different looks in a room.
- You don't need to change your regular socket-style light fixtures to accommodate the new LED bulbs.

The new LED bulbs fit the regular socket styles for fixtures and the good news is that it can be dimmed; allowing homeowners to use their existing light fixtures, create a designer look and ambience in a room.

When I heard of this new technology I quickly went out and purchased some of the bulbs.

They were not an expensive investment (the new bulbs range from \$18-38 each) but considering the energy they will save over time and the fact that I won't have to get back on the ladder to change the bulb for another 20 years made me a very happy decorator.

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Guidelines for pre-approval

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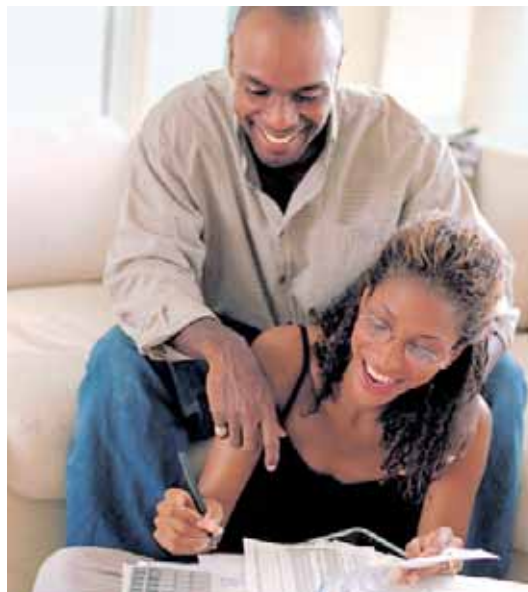
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Getting a pre-approved mortgage before you start shopping for a house or condo is a good idea because it lets you know what you can — and can't — afford.

A pre-approved mortgage is a tentative determination by a lender to loan you a certain amount of money, explains Brenda Hiscock, a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada, and a certified financial planner with Guilfoyle Financial Planning Inc.

The amount is based on a review of your finances, and the confirmation with fixed interest rate is good for 90 to 120 days.

"But pre-approval doesn't mean that you're approved by the lender," says Jared Dreyer, president of the Mortgage Brokers Association of B.C. and an accredited mort-



There are a number of specific guidelines you must meet before you are pre-approved for a mortgage. PHOTODISC/THINKSTOCK

gage professional at VERICO Dreyer Group Mortgages, Vancouver. "What it means is that you have the ability to go out and make an offer with the condition of financing."

How does the lender deter-

mine how much you qualify for?

There are some very specific guidelines, says Hiscock. Monthly housing costs (mortgage payments, property taxes and heating) should not

be more than 32 per cent of your gross monthly income (combined if it's a couple). Also, your entire monthly debt load (housing costs and other debt payments such as car payments and credit card payments) should not be more than 40 per cent of your gross monthly income.

Here is the type of information you need to provide a lender when you are looking to get a pre-approval:

- Personal identification;
- Confirmation of salary (if you are self-employed, tax returns from the last three years);
- Proof of other sources of income (such as investment income);
- Information about all bank accounts, loans and other debts;
- Proof of all financial assets such as GIC's, RRSP's, etc.;
- Source and amount of down payment and deposit funds;
- Proof of source of funds to cover the closing costs (usually between two and four per cent of the purchase price).

Visit the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (fcac-acfc.gc.ca/eng/resources/publications/) for more information about getting pre-approved for a mortgage.

Shop around for best lender

If you are starting the process of buying a house, talking to your bank about its mortgage options is always a good starting point, especially if you have an established relationship with someone there.

But experts say it's important to check out other lenders for information, too.

Banks, mortgage companies, insurance companies, loan companies and credit unions all sell mortgages.

Remember that you are entering into a potential 25-year relationship, says Brenda Hiscock, a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada, and a certified financial planner with Guilfoyle Financial Planning Inc.

"Make sure you are comfortable, and feel trust with the institution, and the person you are dealing with."

Some of the mortgage options you should ask about include:

Mortgage brokers

- If you want someone else to find the best rate for you, you should speak to a mortgage broker.
- A mortgage broker deals with many different lenders and can offer several choices. For example, brokers deal with private lenders so there may be more options available to those with poor credit or unstable income history.
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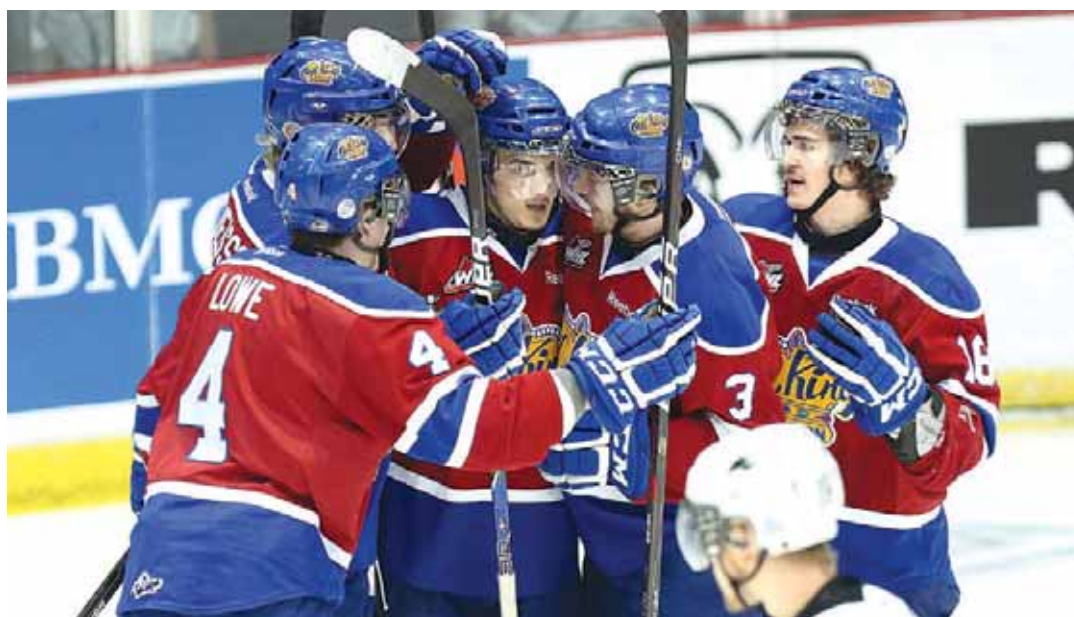
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The Edmonton Oil Kings celebrate a goal against the Saint John Sea Dogs during last May's Memorial Cup in Shawinigan, Que. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

WHL ready to fill NHL lockout void

Starting again.

Junior league enjoyed attendance increase during 2004-05 NHL work stoppage

With no NHL hockey, at least for now, the Western Hockey League could be heading for a brisk year at the box office.

It's already flexing on-ice muscle with the major impact its players are having on Canada's junior teams and in the NHL draft.

"Obviously, we all hope the NHL is back playing as quickly as possible, it's important for the game," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison.

"Right now, we don't see a

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"Given our success in other NHL centres in Western Canada ... should we have relocation in the future, Winnipeg would be a top priority."

WHL commissioner Ron Robison. While it has no plans to expand, the WHL still has markets like Winnipeg and Nanaimo, B.C., on its radar if it has to relocate franchises.

real significant impact to start the season but, should this be an extended lockout, then perhaps as the season progresses we'll see more coverage and more attendance."

In the last full-season lockout in 2004-05, the Saskatoon Blades say they saw an increase of as much as 30 per cent in attendance. That would be especially welcome for some smaller cash-strapped franchises.

Just like the NHL, the WHL

has issues with some of its smaller markets, admits Robison, but he believes the model is working for the most part.

"We always have the challenge of the smaller markets competing with larger markets in our league and ensuring that we have a business model we can live with," he said.

The regular 2012-13 WHL season starts Thursday, with the Kootenay Ice visiting the Edmonton Oil Kings.

Still loaded with future NHL talent (eight draft picks), last year's WHL champion Oil Kings look like the team to beat again this season for the Ed Chynoweth Cup.

But coach Derek Laxdal isn't looking that far ahead.

"We've got five or six new players on our lineup this year and, like any team, you're going to pick up injuries and you've got to go through the course of the season, so your journey's going to be a lot different than it was last year," he said.

He's still pretty happy with what he sees coming out of the pre-season.

"We feel that where we are right now, at this part of the season, we're stronger than we were last year."

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MLB

Suzuki stars in Yankees' sweep of Blue Jays

Ichiro Suzuki had a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, his seventh hit of the day, to help the New York Yankees complete a doubleheader sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 2-1 win Wednesday night that ensured they remained atop the AL East.

Suzuki made a tough catch with the bases loaded in the eighth inning of the opener to hold a lead for Andy Pettitte in a 4-2 win.

Jays infielder Omar Vizquel had two hits in the early game to move ahead of Babe Ruth into 41st place on the MLB all-time hits list with 2,874.

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Omar Vizquel watches his 2,874th hit on Wednesday at Yankee Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Manning's still confident after first Broncos loss

If Peyton Manning is sore, he's not saying. If his confidence is waning, he'd be the last to let anyone know.

Back practising following his first loss as a Denver Bronco, Manning wouldn't offer much Wednesday when asked if the hits he took against Atlanta had any lasting impact.

"I've never really answered that question before. So, I'm full participation in practice," Manning said.

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The road to the 2013 World Baseball Classic starts this week and it will be anything but easy for Canada. A 16-team qualifying round for the event begins with the top squad from each four-team pool locking up a spot in next year's Classic.



Andrew Ladd skates at an informal practice in Winnipeg on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL lockout reverberates across hockey

The NHL lockout is only a few days old but its effects are already being felt around the league.

With a number of big-name players heading for Europe, NHL employees were informed Wednesday that their salaries are scheduled to be cut 20 per cent across the board. That will come into effect on Oct. 1, when full-time staff are reduced to a four-day work week.

The news was delivered by commissioner Gary Bettman during a Wednesday morning staff meeting, according to league spokesman Gary

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"It doesn't look positive. It could be a season-long break."

Rick Nash, to newspaper Sudostschweiz upon arrival in Switzerland to play with HC Davos. The star forward said he believes the lockout could last the entire season — just as it did in 2004-05.

Meagher.

The NHL also announced the cancellation of pre-season games through Sept. 30, as well as the postponement of the Kraft Hockeyville pre-season game scheduled for Oct. 3

in Belleville, Ont., to the 2013-14 season.

Unlike in September 2004, when more than 50 per cent of NHL employees were laid off just days into the lockout, the league is trying to avoid cutting staff. Deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Canadian Press over the weekend that there were no immediate plans for layoffs, although multiple sources who attended Wednesday's meeting said employees were warned that further cuts could be coming.

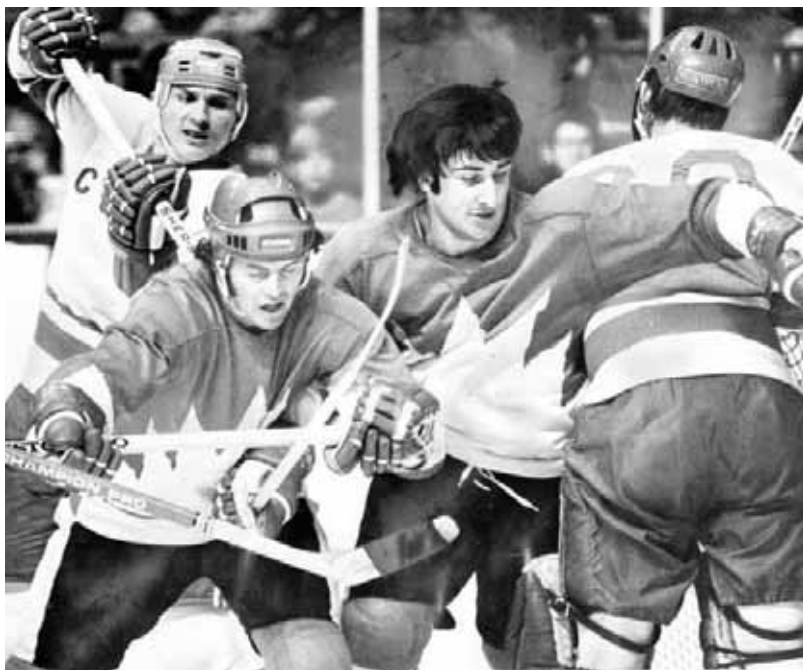
A number of teams, including the Ottawa Senators and

Heading east

On Wednesday, Jason Spezza signed a deal with Rapperswil-Jona in Switzerland, Anze Kopitar agreed to join brother Gaspar with Mora in Sweden and Russian stars Alex Ovechkin (Moscow Dynamo) and Pavel Datsyuk (CSKA Moscow) each returned home to play in the KHL.

Florida Panthers, announced layoffs earlier this week.

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Team Canada's Paul Henderson, left with helmet, and Guy Lapointe push past Soviet goalie Vladislav Tretiak at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens during the 1972 Summit Series. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Summit Series vets still getting together

Represented Canada in 1972. Age, ill health threaten to prevent Henderson, others from traditional outing

If you're of a certain age, you were likely watching a black-and-white television in your school gym when that magic game was played and the nation erupted.

These guys were on the ice. And Wednesday, as they have for the past 15 years, many of the members of that Team Canada 1972 hockey team came together to reclaim that magic for themselves over a round of golf.

"We were voted team of the century, what's wrong with that?" said Paul Henderson, who scored the immortal goal to beat the Soviet squad with 34 seconds left in the series' eighth and final game. "It's great to get together with the guys every time," Henderson said.

This year round, played at Woodington Lakes Golf Club, north of Toronto, brought together 24 of those September heroes, who captivated the country four decades ago. And with Henderson battling cancer and the series' 40th anniversary at hand, the annual golfing get-together took on special meaning for the aging players.

Henderson, 69, spoke candidly about his illness, a type of leukemia that he says will eventually claim his life.



Paul Henderson arrives at the Woodington Lake Golf Course just north of Toronto on Wednesday. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"But I refuse to let cancer define me," he says, adding that he's now undergoing experimental treatment in Maryland.

"I get up every morning and I say 'this is going to be a great day.' I'm having a great life if I can just stay alive."

Henderson, as always, was humorously humble about his 1972 exploits, which saw him score the winning goals in the last three series games.

"It's the only thing I did in 18 years of hockey, so how could it get old?" he laughed.

And what was it like being that guy who scored the most important goal in Canadian hockey history for the past 40 years?

"I've tried to handle it responsibly," Henderson says.

"I think I've tried to handle it in a way that would be worthy of a Canadian, be a role model to kids and that kind of stuff."

Having been the centre of national adulation for the past four decades, Henderson's only regret is that he didn't have fun during the series itself.

"After the first game there was so much pressure on us to win," he recalls.

"I had the series of my life and I forgot to enjoy it."

Another player who had the series of his life was Phil Esposito, who was enjoying a post-round cocktail at the clubhouse Wednesday.

It was Esposito who set up Henderson's final goal and who galvanized Canadians around the team with a sweat-soaked scolding after their game four loss in Vancouver.

And Esposito was on a rant again yesterday, lambasting the Canadian government for refusing to pick up the tab for a Moscow visit 14 of the '72 players took earlier this month to celebrate the 40th anniversary.

"I just don't understand it. The Russian government over there treated us like gold," he said.

"We can't get any help from the government here."

Esposito said Ottawa told the team they only recognize 25th and 50th anniversaries and that he isn't liable to see another 10 years.

"We can't wait to 50, I can tell you that. Most of us won't be alive." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

| EAST DIVISION | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| New York | 85 | 63 | .574 | — |
| Baltimore | 84 | 64 | .568 | 1 |
| Tampa Bay | 79 | 70 | .530 | 6½ |
| Boston | 68 | 82 | .453 | 18 |
| Toronto | 66 | 81 | .449 | 18½ |

| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Chicago | 81 | 67 | .547 | — |
| Detroit | 79 | 69 | .534 | 2 |
| Kansas City | 67 | 81 | .453 | 14 |
| Minnesota | 62 | 87 | .416 | 19½ |
| Cleveland | 61 | 88 | .409 | 20½ |

| WEST DIVISION | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Texas | 87 | 60 | .592 | — |
| Oakland | 84 | 64 | .568 | 3½ |
| Los Angeles | 81 | 67 | .547 | 6½ |
| Seattle | 70 | 79 | .470 | 18 |

Wednesday's results

N.Y. Yankees 4-2 Toronto 2-1
Detroit 6 Oakland 2
Kansas City 3 Chicago White Sox 0
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay 13 Boston 3
Texas at L.A. Angels
Baltimore at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Baltimore 4 Seattle 2 (18 innings)
Boston 7 Tampa Bay 5
Chicago White Sox 3 Kansas City 2
Detroit 12 Oakland 2
L.A. Angels 11 Texas 3
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 5 (12 innings)
Toronto at New York (ppd., rain)
Thursday's Games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota (Vasquez 0-2) at Cleveland (Kluber 1-4), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 13-10) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 3-5), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Laffey 3-5) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 15-12), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 11-6) at Tampa Bay (Price 18-5), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Liriano 6-11) at Kansas City (Guthrie 4-3), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 15-9) at L.A. Angels (Greinke 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP MOSELLE OPEN

At Metz, France
Singles — First Round
Andreas Seppi (5), Italy, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.
Second Round
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (1), France, def. Clement Reix, France, 6-3, 6-3.
Florian Mayer (4), Germany, def. James Blake, U.S., 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4.

ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN

At St. Petersburg, Russia
Singles — First Round
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Denis Istomin (2), Uzbekistan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Martin Klizan (3), Slovakia, def. Mikhail Elgin, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Fabio Fognini (4), Italy, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Jurgen Zopp (8), Estonia, def. Andrey Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-3, 6-5 (retired).
Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-2, 3-3 (retired).
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Ivan Nedelko, Russia, 7-6 (2), 6-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| EAST DIVISION | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Washington | 90 | 58 | .608 | — |
| Atlanta | 86 | 64 | .573 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | 75 | 74 | .503 | 15½ |
| New York | 66 | 82 | .446 | 24 |
| Miami | 66 | 84 | .440 | 25 |

| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cincinnati | 90 | 59 | .604 | — |
| St. Louis | 79 | 70 | .530 | 11 |
| Milwaukee | 76 | 72 | .514 | 13½ |
| Pittsburgh | 74 | 74 | .500 | 15½ |
| Chicago | 58 | 91 | .389 | 32 |
| Houston | 48 | 101 | .322 | 42 |

| WEST DIVISION | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Francisco | 85 | 63 | .574 | — |
| Los Angeles | 77 | 72 | .517 | 8½ |
| Arizona | 73 | 74 | .497 | 11½ |
| San Diego | 71 | 77 | .480 | 14 |
| Colorado | 58 | 89 | .395 | 26½ |

Wednesday's results

Atlanta 3 Miami 0
Cincinnati 6 Chicago Cubs 5 (11 innings)
Milwaukee 3 Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Mets 2
St. Louis 5 Houston 0
Washington 3-6 L.A. Dodgers 1-7
San Diego at Arizona
Colorado at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Arizona 3 San Diego 2
Cincinnati 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Miami 4 Atlanta 3 (10 innings)
Milwaukee 6 Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 6 Colorado 3
St. Louis 4 Houston 1
LA Dodgers at Washington (ppd., rain)
Philadelphia at New York (ppd., rain)
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Houston (B.Norris 5-12) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 4-7), 1:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 17-9) at Chicago Cubs (Berken 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 13-12) at Arizona (Skaggs 1-2), 3:40 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 0-0) at San Francisco (Zito 12-8), 3:45 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 9-8) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 11-13), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (B.Norris 5-12) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cloyd 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 2-6), 7:10 p.m.

WTA KDB KOREA OPEN

At Seoul, South Korea
Singles — First Round
Lee So-ra, South Korea, def. Maria Kirilenko (2), Russia, 1-1 (retired).
Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Second Round
Kaia Kanepi (3), Estonia, def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA GUANGZHOU INTERNATIONAL OPEN

At Guangzhou, China
Singles — Second Round
Laura Robson, Britain, def. Zheng Jie (2), China, 6-3, 6-3.
Sorana Cirstea (3), Romania, def. Duan Ying-Ying, China, 6-1, 7-6 (0).
Urszula Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-2, 6-3.
Chanelle Scheepers (5), South Africa, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-1.
Alize Cornet (8), France, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4 (retired).

YANKEES 4, BLUE JAYS 2

| FIRST GAME | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | ab | r | h | bi |
| Toronto | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| R.Davis rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rasmus cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrie 3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lind 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| McCoy pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Arendi c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathis c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KJHnsn ph-2b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sierra dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Vizquel 2b-1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Hchvrr ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Gose lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 37 | 2 | 10 | 2 |

Toronto 000 000 020 — 2
New York 300 000 01x — 4
E—Swisher 2 (6). DP—Toronto 1, New York 1.
LOB—Toronto 11, New York 2. 2B—Lawrie (24), Vizquel (4), Hechavarria (5), I.Suzuki (23), Cano (42). SF—Granderson.
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
H.Alvarez L,9-13 7 5 3 3 0 7
Oliver 1 2 1 1 0 0 0
New York
Pettitte W,4-3 5 4 0 0 0 2 3
Rapada 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
D.Lowe H,1 1 0 0 0 0 0
Chamberlain H,4 2-3 1 0 0 0 0
Logan H,23 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
D.Robertson H,29 2-3 4 2 2 0 2
R.Soriano S,41-44 11-3 0 0 0 0 1 2
Rapada pitched to one batter in the sixth.
T—2:41. A—39,859 (50,291) at New York.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| EAST | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 58 | 55 |
| New England | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 52 | 33 |
| Miami | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 45 | 43 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 63 | 65 |

| SOUTH | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Houston | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 57 | 17 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 61 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 23 | 72 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 30 | 53 |

| NORTH | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Baltimore | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 67 | 37 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 47 | 71 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 46 | 41 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 43 | 51 |

| WEST | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| San Diego | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 60 | 24 |
| Denver | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 52 | 46 |
| Kansas City | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 41 | 75 |
| Oakland | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 27 | 57 |

WEEK TWO

Monday's result
Atlanta 27 Denver 21
Sunday's results
Arizona 20 New England 18
Buffalo 35 Kansas City 17
Carolina 35 New Orleans 27
Indianapolis 23 Minnesota 20
Cincinnati 34 Cleveland 27
Houston 27 Jacksonville 7
Miami 35 Oakland 13
N.Y. Giants 41 Tampa Bay 34
Philadelphia 24 Baltimore 23
Pittsburgh 27 N.Y. Jets 10
San Diego 38 Tennessee 10
San Francisco 27 Detroit 19
Seattle 27 Dallas 7
St. Louis 31 Washington 28
Thursday, Sept. 13
Green Bay 23 Chicago 10

YANKEES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

| SECOND GAME | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | ab | r | h | bi |
| Toronto | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| R.Davis rf-if | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rasmus cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrie 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lind dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arendi c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| McCoy pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathis c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KJHnsn 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| YGoms 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hchvrr ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gose lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sierra ph-rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

Toronto 010 000 000 1
New York 010 000 01x 2
E—Jeter (10). DP—Toronto 1, LOB—Toronto 5, New York 12. 2B—I.Suzuki (24), C.Stewart (8). SB—Granderson (9), J.Nix (6), I.Suzuki 4 (25), C.Stewart (2). CS—R.Davis (12). S—J.Nix.
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
R.Romero 6 7 1 1 5 5
Delabar L,4-3 11-3 0 1 1 1 2
Loup 1-3 1 0 0 0 0 1
Lyon 1-3 0 0 0 0 2 1
New York
D.Phelps 6-2 3 1 1 3 3 6
Logan 1 0 0 0 0 0 2
Epley W,1-2 1-3 0 0 0 0 1
R.Soriano S,42-45 1 0 0 0 0 1
Umpires—Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Gary Cederstrom; Third, Toby Basner.
T—3:06. A—39,997 (50,291) at New York.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| EAST | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 41 | 39 |
| Dallas | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 31 | 44 |
| Washington | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 68 | 63 |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 58 | 58 |

| SOUTH | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Atlanta | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 67 | 45 |
| Tampa Bay | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 50 | 51 |
| Carolina | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 45 | 43 |
| New Orleans | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 59 | 75 |

| NORTH | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Green Bay | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 45 | 40 |
| Detroit | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 46 | 50 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 46 | 46 |
| Chicago | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 51 | 44 |

| WEST | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Arizona | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 40 | 34 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 57 | 41 |
| St. Louis | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 54 | 55 |
| Seattle | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 43 | 27 |

WEEK THREE

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24
Green Bay at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 12

| EAST DIVISION | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|----|--|--|
| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pt | | |
| Montreal | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 301 | 327 | 14 | | |
| Toronto | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 278 | 274 | 12 | | |
| Hamilton | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 341 | 347 | 8 | | |
| Winnipeg | 11 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 203 | 365 | 4 | | |

| WEST DIVISION | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|----|--|--|
| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pt | | |
| B.C. | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 298 | 204 | 16 | | |
| Calgary | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 312 | 257 | 14 | | |
| Saskatchewan | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 284 | 234 | 10 | | |
| Edmonton | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 247 | 256 | 10 | | |

Sunday's result

Montreal 28 Saskatchewan 17
Saturday's results
B.C. 28 Toronto 23
Hamilton 51 Edmonton 8
Sunday's result
Calgary 44 Winnipeg 3
WEEK 13
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
B.C. at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pt |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Kansas City | 29 | 16 | 7 | 6 | 37 | 25 | 54 |
| Chicago | 28 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 40 | 33 | 50 |
| New York | 29 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 49 | 42 | 49 |
| Houston | 29 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 41 | 34 | 46 |
| Columbus | 29 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 35 | 35 | 45 |
| D.C. United | 28 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 45 | 39 | 44 |
| Montreal | 30 | 12 | 15 | 3 | 44 | 49 | 39 |
| New England | 29 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 36 | 40 | 28 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 26 | 31 | 27 |
| Toronto | 29 | 5 | 17 | 7 | 32 | 51 | 22 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pt |
|----------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| x-San Jose | 28 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 58 | 33 | 56 |
| Seattle | 28 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 29 | 48 |
| Real Salt Lake | 29 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 38 | 33 | 46 |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 50 | 40 | 46 |
| Vancouver | 29 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 29 | 38 | 37 |
| Dallas | 30 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 35 | 38 | 36 |
| Colorado | 29 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 36 | 43 | 29 |
| Portland | 28 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 28 | 47 | 28 |
| Chivas USA | 28 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 44 | 28 |

x — clinched playoff berth.

Wednesday's results

Columbus 1 Chivas USA 0
Kansas City 2 New York

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

The Sun's entry into your opposite sign of Libra on Saturday will bring partnership problems to the forefront and this time you must not run away from them. Power struggles are likely but you were born a winner — so win.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Travel plans and social activities will be disrupted over the next 24 hours, and most likely it is you who will be doing the disrupting. It's OK to have second thoughts. It's OK to change your mind.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

One of the best times of the year begins this weekend when the Sun moves into the area of your chart that governs romance and creativity. Today, do only what feels right to you. It's OK to be selfish.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There is a danger today that you will come on too strong and provoke some kind of backlash. Maybe that is the price you have to pay for being honest about what you believe. The truth must not be denied.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you are wasting your money on things you don't need, there is still time to cut them out of your life, but you have got to be quick. Very soon, the matter will be taken out of your hands. Act now.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Although the Sun leaves your sign this weekend, that's not an invitation to slow down. Other influences indicate that your momentum will keep you going at breakneck speed for some time to come. Enjoy.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The Sun is moving closer to your birth sign and already you can feel the positive effects. For best results though you should focus your aim and concentrate on those two or three things that mean the most to you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Today's cosmic picture warns in no uncertain terms that if you lose your temper, for even a moment, it will be you who loses out in the long-term. Take nothing too seriously and find ways to relax.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

One of the best times of the year for friendships begins very soon, so strive to be open to everyone you meet. This is also a good time to get more personally involved in some kind of social movement.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You have accomplished a lot and have a right to feel pleased with yourself but don't take it easy because there is still more to be done. You were born to be a winner, so get out there and compete.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be tempted to do something out of the ordinary today but if you are smart, you will wait for the Sun to move in your favour during the weekend. Good times are coming sooner than you think.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

What seems so confusing now will seem simple a few days. However, today's influences will bring out your passion for something, or someone, to a degree that could cause problems, so think before you act.

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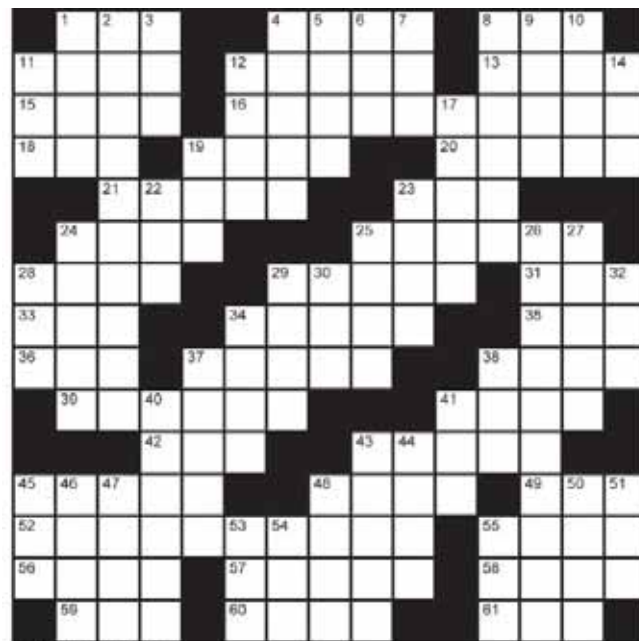
Crossword: A Cold Measure and a Hot Band

Across

1. Island: Fr.
4. Certain hockey shot
8. Affectionate touch
11. Campus Greek house, briefly
12. Circle, square, or triangle, e.g.
13. "Are you ___ out?": query to a hesitant poker player (2 wds.)
15. Acorn-dropping trees
16. Snowfall measure
18. "This is dedicated to the ___ I love"
19. Commanded, old-style
20. Sandwich cookies
21. They play their home games at BC Place Stadium in downtown Vancouver
23. Cowardly person
24. Fly by oneself
25. Surprisingly [or not more (than)] (2 wds.)
28. Greek crosses
29. Elliott of *Ocean's* 11, 12, 13
31. Bill's "excellent adventure" partner
33. "___ Could Turn Back Time": 1989 Cher hit (2 wds.)
34. 1,000 kg
35. Small battery
36. "___ amis": start of a French speech
37. Dummies or spinning toys
38. TV award
39. Saskatchewan capital
41. Salesmen, for short
42. Bruce of karate fame
43. ___ Leaf
45. Sales talk
48. ___ Pilot: PDA
49. Father
52. Montréal-based 2011 Juno Album of the Year winning group (2 wds)
55. Cold cut cutting locale
56. MTV viewer
57. Where to bowl
58. One of the Great Lakes
59. '01, '02, etc.: abbr.
60. "Beware the ___ of March": Julius Caesar
61. Winter time in Manitoba: initialism

Down

1. Persia, now
2. Banff National Park's best known tourist destination (2 wds.)
3. Some Spielberg visitors
4. Moults
5. Reporter Lois of the *Daily Planet*
6. Likely
7. Maritime Province: initialism
8. PM Trudeau
9. Early poker pot maker
10. Matador's opponent
11. Egg ___ young
12. Photocopy
14. Legal matter
17. Back-of-the-fridge problem
19. Ghostly greeting
22. They: Fr.
23. "Merry old" king of rhyme
24. Toronto-born 60 Minutes regular Morley
25. *Sister Act* extras
26. Calgary team
27. Britches stitches
28. ___ Horton's
29. "The Naked Maja" painter
30. Yoko ___ Lennon
32. 24 hours
34. Vocal sound
37. Give up
38. Serpentine seafood
40. Gathers bit by bit
41. Engine speed
43. Female horses
44. Bar servings
45. Posed
46. Carnivore's quarry
47. "Happy birthday" writer or NHL player at times
48. Scent for a car freshener
50. Got off
51. Expire
53. He's coming in a Three Dog Night song
54. Pet rocks, once
55. Xmas mo.



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Yesterday's Crossword



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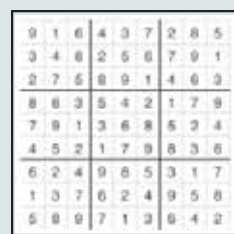
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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 21°
MIN: 7°

FRIDAY

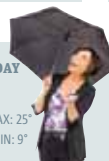


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SATURDAY



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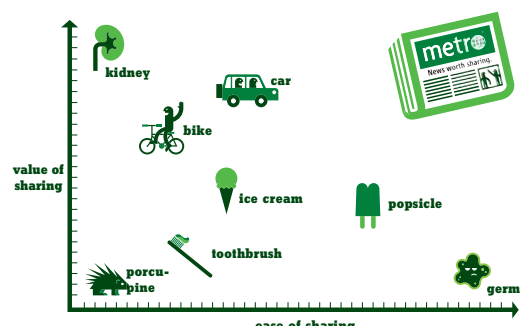
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